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DECEMBER 1991 FIELD TRIP SUMMARIES

DECEMBER 1, Sunday (NWD)
Northwest Denver area lakes. Leader: Phil Hayes. Observers: Jeff Cook, Alan Hay, Larry Malone, Diana Mullineaux, Kim Potter, Mort Staatz. (Clear; Calm; 13-28°F). 47 miles by car, ½ mile on foot. 6½ hours birding. (41 species, 2528 individuals)

DECEMBER 7, Saturday (SPR)
Pre-count for Denver Christmas Bird Count area 4A (Lower South Platte River). Leader: Ed Holub. Observers: Ursula Barsch, George Collings, Hilda Eichenberger, Glenn Hageman, Clint Jones, Hazel Kellogg, David Pantle, Joe TenBrink. (Clear; Calm; 31-62°F). 20 miles by car, 1 mile on foot. 6½ hours birding. (39 species, 2028 individuals)

TUESDAY BIRDERS TRIPS
(Compiled by Monna Krebs)

Dec.3. South Platte Park. Leaders: Ann Bonnell & Ray Sperger. 30 observers. (38 species, 1433 individuals)

Dec.10. Red Rocks Park. Leader: Ann Bonnell. 28 observers. (14 species, 112 individuals)

1991 DENVER CHRISTMAS BIRD COUNT

December 14, Saturday, 6:30 AM to 5:00 PM. Compiler: Dick Schottler. Feeder coordinator: Hugh Kingery. Morning: Clear. Afternoon: Clear. Wind: N-NW, 0-30 MPH. Temperature: 8-50°F. Snow cover: 0"-24". Fresh water: Partly open. Wild food crop: Fair. Observers: 123 (75 in 25 parties, 48 at feeders). Total party hours: 184 (135.5 on foot, 48.5 by car). Total count: 99 species; 20,559 individuals.

Participants by Area (Leaders underlined)

Area 1. Red Rocks Park (RRP): Winston Wm. Brockner, Bob Brown, Lea Ann Brown, Merlynn Brown, Dan George, Ron Huston, Chuck Iglehart, Franklin E. McDaniel.

Area 2. Lower Bear Creek (LBC): Bobbie Ausfahl, Barbara Bridges, Marjorie Roberts, Mary Jane Schock, Robert A. Spencer, Virgil C. Williams.

Area 2A. Bear Creek Lake Park (BCP): Kathy Hawkins.

Area 3. BowMar/Marston (BMM): Diane Koshak, Mortimer H. Staatz.

Area 4A. Lower South Platte (LSP): Virginia Bleck, Ruth Breckon, Ed Holub, Pearl Jordan, Jean Maguire, Nick Piler, Joe TenBrink.

Area 4B. Lower South Platte (LSP): Sheryl Peterson, Juliene Pimentel, Dick Pratt,

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Christmas count continued

Dick Schottler, Neil Ward.

Area 5. Highline Ditch (HLD): Lois Foreman, Betty Oliver, Harold Oliver, Donna Randolph.

Area 6. Plum Creek (PCK): Tim Crisler, Bobbie DeMuth, Norman Erthal, Jean Fredlund, Jim Fredlund.

Area 7A. Middle South Platte (MSP): Patty Echelmeyer, Joe Margoshes, Diana Mullineaux, Ellie Walker.

Area 7B. Middle South Platte (MSP): Peter Gillette, Hugh Kingery, Urling Kingery, Deb Ostergard, Jerry Robinson.

Area 8. Chatfield SRA (CSR): Glenn Hageman, Joey Kellner, Jack Reddall.

Area 9. Upper South Platte: Not counted.

Area 10. Lower Deer Creek (LDC): Elizabeth Willcockson, Lynn Willcockson.

Area 11. Upper Deer Creek (UDC): Randy Lentz.

Area 12. Yegge Peak (YPK): Ann Bonnell, Else VanErp.

Area 13. Doublehead Mountain: Not counted.

Area 14. North Turkey Creek (NTC): Warren Finch, Larry Malone.

Area 15. Indian Hills (IHL): Duane Nelson.

Area 16. Upper Bear Creek (UBC): Cal Wichern.

Area 17. Ken Caryl Ranch (KCR): Dee Hay, Alan Hay, Cathy Johnson, Eric Potter.

Area 18. Garrison Gate (GGT): Joe Roller.

Area 19. Morrison/Willow Brook (MWB): Bob Righter, Sandy Righter.

Area 20. Willow Creek (WCK): Phil Hayes, Bob Miller, Judy Miller, Don Mullineaux.

Area 21. Mt. Lindo/Willow Springs (MLW): Francis Decio, Betty Harwood, Stan Harwood, Dave Woodward, Ronda Woodward.

Observers at 24 Plains Feeders: John Bonnell, Nan Brehmer, Jan & Bill Carter, Nita Casto, Betty Chrisman, Joe & Vergie Dooley, Valerie Dooley, Marie Grosshuesch, Grace & Jerry Grutza, Phyl Fischer, Elizabeth A. Harrison, Margi Hasslacher, Anna Magee, George Lange, Richard D. Masteller, Jack McGrath, Edward Morey, Sylvia Nelson, Jill & Reuben Ross, Lesley & Russell Schreiner, Janet Shin, Anne Southcott, Margie Tollefson, Kathryn Wallace.

Observers at 18 Foothill Feeders: Jane Axtell, Gay Bishop, Faye Benway, Margo Breen, Marcia Ferguson, Polly Fields, Marjory Friedman, Betty Harwood, Dieter

Kamm, Lila Kint, Doris & Harold McLaughlin, Roy Nicodemus, Marten Ann Poole, John Presler, David J. Stephenson, Lou Tompkins, Donald G. Wargo, Helen Waters.

1991 CHRISTMAS BIRD COUNT HIGHLIGHTS

by Dick Schottler

The 1991 Denver Christmas Bird Count was the 38th consecutive count conducted by the Denver Field Ornithologists in the same count circle — a 15-mile diameter circle established in 1954 and centered just north of the entrance of the old Ken Caryl Ranch. While the total number of species seen in 1991 was well below the near record level of the 1990 count (99 vs. 110), and the total number of individuals seen (20,559) was the lowest since 1985, the 1991 count was notable for several reasons: 1) two new species were added to the count list bringing the total number of species recorded over the 38-year span to 171; 2) several other rare or unusual species were sighted; 3) except for some gusty afternoon winds in the foothills, the weather on count day was great; and 4) with the closing of Wyatt's Cafeteria in the Bear Valley Shopping Center, the post-count compilation meeting was in limbo until the last minute. Our thanks to the Chatfield YMCA for letting the DFO use their facility on short notice.

The two new species added to the all-time count list were Lesser Black-backed Gull and Field Sparrow. A thoroughly described 1st-winter Lesser Black-backed Gull was picked out of a group of Herring Gulls by Joey Kellner and his team at Chatfield Reservoir (Area 8). Not only is this new for the count, it is one of the few sight records of the species in Colorado. The Field Sparrow was spotted in Area 6, Plum Creek, by Norm Erthal and his group. The sparrow was seen feeding with juncos and Tree Sparrows south of Chatfield Reservoir and west of US-85.

Other rare or unusual species recorded on the 1991 count include:

Eared Grebe (1) found on Chatfield Reservoir (Area 8). This species had been seen on only four previous counts, the last in 1983. A possible second Eared Grebe was reported on count day by the staff at South Platte Park in Area 4B.

American White Pelican (1) seen on McLellan Reservoir (Area 4A) and later fishing

on the South Platte River in Area 4B. Pelicans were seen on only one previous count (1990) when two were observed at Chatfield SRA.

Black-crowned Night-Heron (3) seen in three count areas. The species had been seen previously only in 1985 and 1989. The three seen this winter represents a new high count for the species.

Oldsquaw (2) seen in South Platte Park (Area 4B) and in Chatfield SRA (Area 8). This species was seen on only four previous counts, most recently in 1981.

Wild Turkeys (57) were seen in Areas 12 (Yegge Peak) and 18 (Garrison Gate) and at one of the foothills feeders. This was only the seventh year that turkeys have been seen on the count but they were seen on five of the last six counts. The 57 individuals seen in 1991 far exceeds the previous high of 19.

Yellow-bellied Sapsucker (1) found on the Columbine Golf Course in Area 4A. This was only the fifth time the species has been recorded on the count.

New maximum individual numbers were established for the following species on the 1991 count: Black-crowned Night-Heron (3), Northern Shoveler (94), Golden Eagle (15), Wild Turkey (57), White-breasted Nuthatch (92), and Yellow-rumped Warbler (8). The 118 Northern Pintails counted was the highest in 15 years while the number of American Wigeon (64) and Canyon Wren (1) were the lowest in 25 years. Conspicuous by its absence on this count is the Northern Harrier which was missed on only two previous counts.

The ten most numerous species on the 1991 count were: 1) Canada Goose (5,494; almost 10,000 fewer than in 1990!); 2) European Starling (1,803); 3) House Finch (1,580); 4) Mallard (1,445); 5) Dark-eyed Junco (1,442); 6) House Sparrow (905); 7) Black-billed Magpie (835); 8) Rock Dove (661); 9) Black-capped Chickadee (647); and 10) Red-winged Blackbird (607). These 10 species accounted for more than three fourths of all the birds counted.

The Area 4A team (Ed Holub, leader) found the most species this year with 52 and the Area 4B team (Dick Schottler, leader) saw the most individuals (2,912).

Thanks to all of the Area Leaders, field observers and feeder watchers whose participation made the 1991 Denver Christmas Bird Count a success.

TABLE 1: Birds Reported on December Field Trips

DATE AREA COVERED LIFE ZONES VISITED	1	7	3	10	1991 Christmas Bird Count											
	NWD P	SPR P	Tue. P	Birders F	AREA AREA	1 RRP	2 LBC	2A BCP	3 BMM	4A LSP	4B LSP	5 HLD	6 PCK	7A MSP	7B MSP	
Pied-billed Grebe	1	2	1		X				6	3	1					
Horned Grebe		2														
Eared Grebe					X											
Western Grebe					X											
American White Pelican			1		X					1						
Double-crested Cormorant			1		X								1			
Great Blue Heron	1	1	2		X		4			1	15	1	2		2	
Black-crowned Night-Heron		1			X				1	1	1					
Canada Goose	1260	1100	350		X		596	70	410	1440	630	98	15	115	221	
Wood Duck			2		X					20	25					
Green-winged Teal	14	3	37		X					6	31		2			
Mallard	275	100	400		X	4	459	18	85	130	500	14	8	4	40	
Northern Pintail		3	3		X		2		76	14	19		3			
Northern Shoveler	155				X				8		2					
Gadwall	6		12		X		6	32		18	9	2			1	
American Wigeon	25	40	25		X		17			6	32				3	
Canvasback	1															
Redhead	13	4	1		X				8		2					
Ring-necked Duck	14		98		X		5			3	1					
Lesser Scaup	9				X		3		18	1	2					
Oldsquaw			2		X						1					
Common Goldeneye	61	36	25		X		5	5	11	20	21	4		2	14	
Bufflehead	13	18	21		X				4	7	35					
Hooded Merganser	2	34			X				13	30	8					
Common Merganser	17	52	53		X		1		3	150	30				5	
Red-breasted Merganser					X					3						
Ruddy Duck	4				X				1							
Bald Eagle					X									1		
Sharp-shinned Hawk		1			X						2					
Cooper's Hawk					X								1			
Northern Goshawk					X											
Accipiter sp.													1			
Red-tailed Hawk			3		X											
western races	5	1					2	6		3	4	6	4	5	4	
"Harlan's" race							1									
Ferruginous Hawk	2				X		1	1		1		1		1		
Rough-legged Hawk		1	1		X	1				1		2	2			
Buteo species										1	2					
Golden Eagle				1	X	3						1				
American Kestrel	1		3		X		3	1	3	5	3	1		3		
Prairie Falcon			3	1	X					1	1		1			
Ring-necked Pheasant					X					2	3		1	2		
Blue Grouse					X											
Wild Turkey					X											
Virginia Rail					X								1			
American Coot	3	16	2		X		4		85	45	1					
Killdeer		1	5		X					3	7					
Common Snipe					X		4		1		1		3		7	
Ring-billed Gull	355	16	45		X		97	3	45	25	16			1	2	
California Gull			1		X											
Herring Gull			1		X		1			1	1				1	
Lesser Black-backed Gull					X											
Rock Dove	80	40	235	14	X	6	72	10	35	70	60	161	13	39		
Mourning Dove		1														
Great-horned Owl		1			X	1				1		2	5	5	1	
Northern Pygmy-Owl					X											
Belted Kingfisher	2	1	4		X		5	1	3	3	7		2	1	9	
Yellow-bellied Sapsucker		1			X					1						
Downy Woodpecker	2	4			X	1	2	1	2	4	3	3	10	1	5	

1991 Christmas Bird Count															GRAND TOTAL		
8 CSR	10 LDC	11 UDC	12 YPK	14 NTC	15 IHL	16 UBC	17 KCR	18 GGT	19 MWB	20 WCK	21 MLW	FEEDERS PLNS FHLS					
1															10	Pied-billed Grebe	
3															1	Horned Grebe	
															3	Eared Grebe	
															1	Western Grebe	
															1	American White Pelican	
													1		1	Double-crested Cormorant	
															26	Great Blue Heron	
185	6						7			1196			505		3	Black-crowned Night-Heron	
													4		5494	Canada Goose	
15									2						56	Green-winged Teal	
81									4	4			94		1445	Mallard	
4															118	Northern Pintail	
84															94	Northern Shoveler	
2															70	Gadwall	
1									2	3					64	American Wigeon	
																12	Canvasback
										2					100	Redhead	
										14			77		24	Ring-necked Duck	
																Lesser Scaup	
1															2	Oldsquaw	
31															113	Common Goldeneye	
1															47	Bufflehead	
															51	Hooded Merganser	
31															220	Common Merganser	
															3	Red-breasted Merganser	
															1	Ruddy Duck	
				1											1	Bald Eagle	
										1					3	Sharp-shinned Hawk	
															2	Cooper's Hawk	
1			1												2	Northern Goshawk	
															1	Accipiter sp.	
																Red-tailed Hawk	
7	1						2	1		4	5				54	western races	
															1	"Harlan's" race	
							2			2					9	Ferruginous Hawk	
															6	Rough-legged Hawk	
												1			4	Buteo species	
		1					2		2	1	3	2			15	Golden Eagle	
							1		1	6	2	1			30	American Kestrel	
															3	Prairie Falcon	
				2											8	Ring-necked Pheasant	
			40					3						14	2	Blue Grouse	
															57	Wild Turkey	
															1	Virginia Rail	
7															142	American Coot	
4															14	Killdeer	
1	2								2						21	Common Snipe	
12							3			30					234	Ring-billed Gull	
										3					3	California Gull	
										1					23	Herring Gull	
18															1	Lesser Black-backed Gull	
1																Rock Dove	
4			1		6		66		16	35	10	37	20		661	Mourning Dove	
3	2						1								21	Great-horned Owl	
														3	3	Northern Pygmy-Owl	
3															34	Belted Kingfisher	
															1	Yellow-bellied Sapsucker	
5	3	4	1	1	5		4						3	18	76	Downy Woodpecker	

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TABLE 1: December Field Trips (continued)

DATE	1	7	3	10	1991 Christmas Bird Count											
AREA COVERED	NWD	SPR	Tue.	Birders	AREA	1	2	2A	3	4A	4B	5	6	7A	7B	
LIFE ZONES VISITED	P	P	P	F	AREA	RRP	LBC	BCP	BMM	LSP	LSP	HLD	PCK	MSP	MSP	
Hairy Woodpecker					X								2			
Northern Flicker					X										1	
"Yellow-shafted" race																
"Red-shafted" race	7	14	10	5		2	34	5	20	18	13	5	20	7	18	
Horned Lark					X								1	15		
Steller's Jay				1	X											
Blue Jay	1	7			X		3		2	3	1					
Scrub Jay				25	X	14								1		
Black-billed Magpie	20	35	8	4	X	18	76	37	40	34	75	28	75	30	64	
American Crow	22	2	1		X		4	1	2	1		23	2			
Common Raven				2	X	4		4			3	7	6	4		
Black-capped Chickadee	2	22	3	15	X	24	26	19	8	60	24	20	90	17	34	
Mountain Chickadee					X											
Bushtit					X											
Red-breasted Nuthatch					X					2						
White-breasted Nuthatch					X					1			1		2	
Pygmy Nuthatch					X											
Brown Creeper		4			X		3	1	2	7	3		1	3	1	
Canyon Wren				1	X											
Marsh Wren					X								5		2	
American Dipper					X	1	2	2	1					7	5	
Golden-crowned Kinglet					X											
Ruby-crowned Kinglet					X	1									1	
Townsend's Solitaire				10	X	12	1			2				1		
American Robin	2	10	3	3	X	3	47	5	2	14	3					
Brown Thrasher					X											
Northern Shrike			1		X	1			1							
European Starling	85	350	9		X		286	35	135	420	100	132	40	12	24	
Yellow-rumped Warbler					X								1			
"Audubon's" race									7							
Rufous-sided Towhee					X	1					1		1			
American Tree Sparrow	3		46		X	2		43	8		4	49	150		35	
Field Sparrow					X								1			
Song Sparrow	2	6	13		X	4	3	2	4	7	10		25	14	43	
Swamp Sparrow					X								2		1	
White-crowned Sparrow	5				X					1		1	1			
Harris' Sparrow	1															
Dark-eyed Junco				25	X			12	6		2		60	3		
"White-winged" race							1									
"Slate-colored" race		10				1				5		1	4		3	
"Oregon" race		25				3	5	18				60			7	
"Pink-sided" race						7	28	9		100	11				2	
"Gray-headed" race	1					8	1	7			1		1			
Red-winged Blackbird	2	2			X		77	5	5	15	80	74	15	67	58	
Western Meadowlark					X							4				
Rusty Blackbird					X										1	
Brewer's Blackbird					X		1									
Rosy Finch					X											
"Gray-crowned" race																
"Black" race						1										
Pine Grosbeak					X											
Cassin's Finch					X	1										
House Finch	30	45	2	5	X	46	162	33	27	99	43	61	12		5	
Red Crossbill					X											
Pine Siskin					X	1					1					
American Goldfinch	3				X			1		2	20		12		9	
Evening Grosbeak					X					25						
House Sparrow	21	16			X		73	10	28	75	10	69	6			
TOTAL SPECIES	41	39	38	14		24	36	27	37	52	49	26	40	26	31	
TOTAL INDIVIDUALS	2528	2028	1433	122		171	2123	397	1116	2912	1881	830	609	361	631	

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		2	2	1	10			4					13	34	Hairy Woodpecker
														1	Northern Flicker
												1		1	"Yellow-shafted" race
10		1	1	5	2		22		5	2	5	33	13	241	"Red-shafted" race
12														28	Horned Lark
	16	22	47	40	13	4		10	9		13		108	282	Steller's Jay
							7			1		67	7	91	Blue Jay
	14		5	1	1		11	1	38	4	33	8	17	148	Scrub Jay
22	17	2	14	7	10	6	29	3	49	38	32	96	33	835	Black-billed Magpie
	36		3	45	23		45	1	1	18	9	9	27	250	American Crow
1	1	5	1	10	2	1	18	2	2	4	2		2	79	Common Raven
29	9	29	34	3	2	12	5	21	40	2	24	55	60	647	Black-capped Chickadee
	2	52	55	50	22			11	2	2	10		120	326	Mountain Chickadee
											2			2	Bushtit
	1	32	24	20	16	2		21				2	25	145	Red-breasted Nuthatch
	2	17	12	2	15			11					29	92	White-breasted Nuthatch
	1	4	102	5	31			22			22		32	219	Pygmy Nuthatch
2	2	4	9	1	6			1						46	Brown Creeper
					1									1	Canyon Wren
														7	Marsh Wren
1						3				1				23	American Dipper
		3			7									10	Golden-crowned Kinglet
	1													3	Ruby-crowned Kinglet
	6	6	14	15	16	1	18	2	42	5	42			183	Townsend's Solitaire
	2		1	3	12		4		14	3	6	26	4	149	American Robin
					1									1	Brown Thrasher
1			2				1	1		3				10	Northern Shrike
15	2		1	10	8		253		15	27	7	224	57	1803	European Starling
														1	Yellow-rumped Warbler
														7	"Audubon's" race
1									6			8	1	19	Rufous-sided Towhee
16							27			5	6		1	346	American Tree Sparrow
														1	Field Sparrow
19	3				2	1			1	1	1		2	142	Song Sparrow
														3	Swamp Sparrow
												8		11	White-crowned Sparrow
															Harris' Sparrow
			96	35	10		51		94		35	27	12	443	Dark-eyed Junco
			1		3			1					19	25	"White-winged" race
		10	2	10	2	23	3	11	8			100	48	231	"Slate-colored" race
	17	1	10	1	1	2		2	60			26	50	263	"Oregon" race
8			10	1	3		9	8				75	7	278	"Pink-sided" race
	6		12	1	5	2	3	16	40			27	72	202	"Gray-headed" race
30	28		32		3		64			7		47		607	Red-winged Blackbird
										1				5	Western Meadowlark
														1	Rusty Blackbird
														1	Brewer's Blackbird
															Rosy Finch
													60	60	"Gray-crowned" race
														1	"Black" race
		5												5	Pine Grosbeak
	4			6									11	22	Cassin's Finch
46	26		6		8		81	1	24	31	65	721	83	1580	House Finch
		1			3									4	Red Crossbill
					3						3	10	82	100	Pine Siskin
1	2	6			1						2	20	37	113	American Goldfinch
12			10										38	85	Evening Grosbeak
	2				11		48		10	62	35	428	38	905	House Sparrow
42	26	20	25	21	29	9	25	18	23	33	24	26	30	99	TOTAL SPECIES
732	210	211	549	276	264	57	787	154	489	1519	375	2742	1163	20559	TOTAL INDIVIDUALS

Table 2: Species Recorded on Denver Christmas Bird Counts - 1954-1991
(Compiled by Jack Reddall and Phil Hayes)

Species	Year	Number		Highest	
	Added to Count	of Years Recorded	%	Number of Individuals	Year(s)
1 Red-throated Loon	1956	5	13	1	'56 - '90
2 Pacific Loon	1981	2	5	3	'81
3 Common Loon	1970	7	18	5	'80
4 Yellow-billed Loon	1981	3	8	2	'82
5 Pied-billed Grebe	1954	27	71	92	'81
6 Horned Grebe	1956	8	21	4	'65
7 Eared Grebe	1974	5	13	6	'81
8 Western Grebe	1958	16	42	7	'82
9 American White Pelican	1990	2	5	2	'90
10 Double-crested Cormorant	1976	12	32	6	'90
11 Great Blue Heron	1954	33	87	61	'77, '81
12 Black-crowned Night-Heron	1985	3	8	3	'91
13 Tundra Swan	1954	8	21	9	'57
Mute Swan#	1967	8	--	8	'68
14 Gtr. White-fronted Goose	1964	9	24	11	'73
15 Snow Goose ('White' morph)	1958	12	32	8	'81, '87
16 Ross' Goose	1977	3	8	6	'82
17 Canada Goose	1954	38	100	15367	'90
18 Wood Duck	1954	33	87	58	'85
19 Green-winged Teal	1954	38	100	204	'87
20 American Black Duck	1968	2	5	1	'68, '87
21 Mallard	1954	38	100	2928	'67
22 Northern Pintail	1954	38	100	180	'74
23 Blue-winged Teal	1974	2	5	2	'77
24 Northern Shoveler	1954	34	89	94	'91
25 Gadwall	1954	38	100	206	'57
26 American Wigeon	1954	38	100	603	'81
27 Canvasback	1954	27	71	53	'66
28 Redhead	1954	36	95	199	'57
29 Ring-necked Duck	1954	38	100	408	'89
30 Greater Scaup	1967	8	21	6	'68, '77
31 Lesser Scaup	1954	34	89	166	'84
32 Oldsquaw	1970	5	13	5	'80
33 Surf Scoter	1962	1	3	1	'62
34 White-winged Scoter	1973	2	5	1	'73, '89
35 Common Goldeneye	1954	38	100	265	'88
36 Barrow's Goldeneye	1973	4	11	1	'73 - '86
37 Bufflehead	1954	33	87	83	'86
38 Hooded Merganser	1955	34	89	53	'89
39 Common Merganser	1954	38	100	3000	'54
40 Red-breasted Merganser	1954	15	39	9	'82
41 Ruddy Duck	1954	26	68	20	'62
42 Bald Eagle	1955	19	50	5	'83, '85
43 Northern Harrier	1955	35	92	32	'80
44 Sharp-shinned Hawk	1955	30	79	11	'87
45 Cooper's Hawk	1956	30	79	5	'85
46 Northern Goshawk	1955	22	58	4	'73 - '85
47 Red-tailed Hawk	1954	38	100	64	'88
"western" race	1954	38	100	64	'88
"Harian's" race	1954	25	66	12	'81
48 Ferruginous Hawk	1961	21	55	10	'85, '88
49 Rough-legged Hawk	1955	37	97	24	'85
50 Golden Eagle	1954	35	92	15	'91
51 American Kestrel	1954	38	100	64	'81
52 Merlin	1956	21	55	5	'81
53 Peregrine Falcon	1954	1	3	1	'54
54 Prairie Falcon	1954	37	97	9	'84
55 Ring-necked Pheasant	1954	37	97	72	'60
56 Blue Grouse	1958	19	50	13	'80
57 Wild Turkey	1978	7	18	57	'91
58 Virginia Rail	1974	16	42	19	'74
59 Sora	1974	1	3	4	'74
60 American Coot	1954	38	100	636	'81
61 Killdeer	1954	38	100	61	'81
62 Common Snipe	1954	38	100	45	'75
63 Ring-billed Gull	1954	38	100	4198	'86
64 California Gull	1973	13	34	15	'82
65 Herring Gull	1954	36	95	421	'86
66 Thayer's Gull *	1975	6	32	5	'86
67 Lesser Black-backed Gull	1991	1	3	1	'91
68 Glaucous Gull	1954	4	11	1	'54 - '73
69 Rock Dove *	1973	19	100	1600	'89
70 Mourning Dove	1955	23	61	100	'57
Monk Parakeet #	1990	1	--	2	'90
71 Barn Owl	1975	1	3	1	'75
72 Eastern Screech-Owl +	1982	6	60	1	'82 - '88
Screech-Owl species	1955	26	68	5	'77
73 Great Horned Owl	1954	37	97	41	'81
74 Northern Pygmy-Owl	1959	16	42	5	'90
75 Long-eared Owl	1955	21	55	9	'76
76 Short-eared Owl	1955	7	18	4	'55
77 Belted Kingfisher	1954	38	100	83	'81
78 Lewis' Woodpecker	1955	4	11	2	'70, '76
79 Yellow-bellied Sapsucker sp.	1970	5	13	3	'80
80 Williamson's Sapsucker	1990	1	3	1	'90
81 Downy Woodpecker	1954	38	100	88	'89
82 Hairy Woodpecker	1954	38	100	53	'72, '81
83 Three-toed Woodpecker	1972	5	13	3	'90
84 Northern Flicker	1954	38	100	352	'88
"Red-shafted" race	1954	38	100	352	'88
"Yellow-shafted" race	1977	5	13	2	'80
85 Vermilion Flycatcher	1957	1	3	1	'57
86 Horned Lark	1954	37	97	867	'83
87 Gray Jay	1968	3	8	1	'68 - '88
88 Steller's Jay	1954	38	100	546	'73
89 Blue Jay	1957	27	71	117	'87
90 Scrub Jay	1954	38	100	167	'86
91 Pinyon Jay	1966	3	8	4	'66, '67
92 Clark's Nutcracker	1955	10	26	40	'72
93 Black-billed Magpie	1954	38	100	1832	'81
94 American Crow	1954	38	100	729	'90
95 Chihuahuan Raven	1971	2	5	2	'73
96 Common Raven	1955	29	76	162	'73
97 Black-capped Chickadee	1954	38	100	685	'90
98 Mountain Chickadee	1954	38	100	567	'71
99 Bushtit	1956	16	42	187	'78
100 Red-breasted Nuthatch	1955	33	87	273	'90
101 White-breasted Nuthatch	1954	38	100	92	'91
102 Pygmy Nuthatch	1954	38	100	419	'76
103 Brown Creeper	1954	38	100	54	'81
104 Rock Wren	1954	8	21	5	'70
105 Canyon Wren	1954	38	100	18	'58
106 Bewick's Wren	1961	1	3	1	'61
107 House Wren	1975	2	5	1	'75, '79
108 Winter Wren	1954	17	45	7	'74
109 Marsh Wren	1955	19	50	11	'74

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Table 2: Species on Christmas Bird Counts - 1954-1991 (Continued)

Species	Year	Number		Highest	
		Added to Count	of Years Recorded	Number of Individuals	Year(s)
110 American Dipper	1954	38	100	41	'81
111 Golden-crowned Kinglet	1954	29	76	43	'71
112 Ruby-crowned Kinglet	1960	19	50	11	'81
113 Western Bluebird	1974	2	5	6	'87
114 Mountain Bluebird	1961	3	8	2	'75
115 Townsend's Solitaire	1954	38	100	302	'77
116 Hermit Thrush	1971	2	5	1	'71, '89
117 Wood Thrush	1984	1	3	1	'84
118 American Robin	1954	37	97	1198	'87
119 Gray Catbird	1988	1	3	1	'88
120 Northern Mockingbird	1955	11	29	2	'62, '68
121 Brown Thrasher	1962	11	29	2	'89
122 American Pipit	1957	22	58	37	'90
123 Bohemian Waxwing	1956	14	37	5871	'87
124 Cedar Waxwing	1954	20	53	140	'87
125 Northern Shrike	1954	38	100	18	'75
126 Loggerhead Shrike	1955	6	16	2	'79
127 European Starling	1954	38	100	5559	'79
128 Cape May Warbler	1985	1	3	1	'85
129 Yellow-rumped Warbler	1957	9	24	8	'91
"Myrtle" race	1957	3	8	1	'57 - '90
"Audubon's" race	1957	5	13	7	'91
130 Pine Warbler	1979	3	8	1	'79 - '90
131 Common Yellowthroat	1973	1	3	1	'73
132 Rose-breasted Grosbeak	1977	1	3	1	'77
133 Green-tailed Towhee	1962	5	13	1	'62 - '89
134 Rufous-sided Towhee	1954	38	100	83	'83
135 Canyon Towhee	1961	1	3	2	'61
136 American Tree Sparrow	1954	38	100	3538	'73
137 Field Sparrow	1991	1	3	1	'91
138 Fox Sparrow	1954	17	45	6	'70
139 Song Sparrow	1954	38	100	344	'81
140 Lincoln's Sparrow	1954	13	34	4	'73
141 Swamp Sparrow	1954	21	55	5	'77, '79
142 White-throated Sparrow	1954	23	61	14	'77
143 Golden-crowned Sparrow	1967	4	11	1	'67 - '90
144 White-crowned Sparrow	1954	38	100	348	'65
145 Harris' Sparrow	1955	33	87	40	'69

Species	Year	Number		Highest	
		Added to Count	of Years Recorded	Number of Individuals	Year(s)
146 Dark-eyed Junco	1954	38	100	2158	'79
"White-winged" race	1954	38	100	253	'72
"Slate-colored" race	1954	38	100	462	'83
"Oregon" race @	1954	38	100	923	'74
"Gray-headed" race	1954	38	100	618	'74
147 McCown's Longspur	1978	1	3	2	'78
148 Lapland Longspur	1972	9	24	20	'83
149 Chestnut-collared Longspur	1957	2	5	3	'78
150 Snow Bunting	1977	2	5	12	'83
151 Red-winged Blackbird	1954	38	100	2692	'64
152 Western Meadowlark	1954	38	100	515	'62
153 Yellow-headed Blackbird	1957	5	13	2	'89
154 Rusty Blackbird	1959	14	37	20	'81
155 Brewer's Blackbird	1954	33	87	619	'58
156 Common Grackle	1959	7	18	11	'76
157 Brown-headed Cowbird	1983	1	3	1	'83
158 Northern Oriole	1982	1	3	1	'82
"Bullock's" race	1982	1	3	1	'82
159 Rosy Finch	1954	32	84	540	'72
"Gray-crowned" race	1954	28	74	535	'72
"Black" race	1954	22	58	25	'67 - '76
"Brown-capped" race	1954	7	18	208	'56
160 Pine Grosbeak	1961	10	26	20	'74
161 Purple Finch	1971	2	5	1	'71, '79
162 Cassin's Finch	1954	37	97	628	'63
163 House Finch	1954	38	100	1925	'89
164 Red Crossbill	1955	21	55	171	'84
165 White-winged Crossbill	1969	1	3	75	'69
166 Common Redpoll	1961	15	39	91	'75
167 Pine Siskin	1954	38	100	1185	'67
168 Lesser Goldfinch	1960	7	18	14	'64
169 American Goldfinch	1954	38	100	651	'54
170 Evening Grosbeak	1954	33	87	981	'84
171 House Sparrow	1954	38	100	1495	'75

Not considered feral in Colorado

* Not officially counted until 1973

+ Not officially counted until 1982

@ Includes "Pink-sided" race

Table 3: Summaries of Denver Christmas Bird Counts - 1954 thru 1991
(Compiled by Jack Reddall and others)

Year	Number of Species	Number of individuals	New Species Added	Party Hour	Number of Parties	Number of Observers	No. of Feeder Watchers
1954	80	11,586	76	100	12	33	#
1955	83	10,263	18	72	8	22	#
1956	86	5,762	6	66	8	17	#
1957	84	9,409	6	88	9	22	#
1958	79	8,341	3	53	6	16	#
1959	73	5,806	3	56	8	21	#
1960	74	5,437	2	78	9	27	#
1961	78	4,027	6	67	8	23	#
1962	80	8,277	3	69	9	27	#
1963	79	6,278	0	57	7	21	#
1964	79	8,154	1	59	8	32	#
1965	90	10,984	0	69	8	41	#
1966	86	8,164	1	48	8	26	#
1967	92	13,022	2	60	6	32	6
1968	93	13,550	3	130	13	56	12
1969	92	13,658	1	180	17	65	15
1970	100	14,518	3	179	17	67	22
1971	104	16,162	3	189	20	72	19
1972	95	17,073	2	164	22	63	20
1973	107	23,808	4	331	30	95	26

Year	Number of Species	Number of individuals	New Species Added	Party Hour	Number of Parties	Number of Observers	No. of Feeder Watchers
1974	107	20,573	5	216	31	94	29
1975	106	20,693	3	276	34	104	20
1976	106	24,757	1	298	41	118	31
1977	113	29,543	3	285	37	100	34
1978	102	16,937	2	276	36	110	39
1979	98	26,795	1	267	31	116	33
1980	101	21,811	0	208	26	79	45
1981	110	33,304	2	243	33	114	40
1982	103	27,607	2	225	31	97	38
1983	93	26,330	1	207	29	109	41
1984	99	30,972	1	230	29	95	45
1985	93	18,993	2	220	27	83	41
1986	102	22,467	0	232	29	94	35
1987	100	39,486	0	246	31	92	46
1988	97	27,388	1	231	27	83	55
1989	101	25,634	0	198	27	88	51
1990	110	35,949	2	194	26	84	46
1991	99	20,559	2	184	25	75	48

* Based on 1983 AOU Check-list and Supplements thru 1989

Feeder watchers did not officially participate until 1967

----- ADDITIONAL DECEMBER 1991 REPORTS -----

Red-throated Loon 12/2-6 (1 1st winter) Chatfield SP, Douglas Co. (JK)F(GH,JH,JoR)
Yellow-billed Loon 12/2-6 (1) Chatfield SP (JK)F(DL,DN,GH,JH,JoR)
Greater White-fronted Goose 12/21 (10) Valco Ponds, Cañon City, Fremont Co. (BP,VT)
Snow Goose 12/3 (40 "White" morph) Jackson Reservoir, Morgan Co. (JR)
Ross' Goose 12/19 (1a) Iliff Seminary School, Denver, Denver Co. (TJ)S
Greater Scaup 12/3 (1f) South Platte River at 88th Ave., Thornton, Adams Co. (JR)
Oldsquaw 12/5 (1f) South Platte River Park, Arapahoe Co. (KS)
Red-tailed Hawk 12/8 (1 "Krider's" race) 119th & Holly, Adams Co. (JM,JT)
Merlin 12/3 (2) South of Roggen, Weld Co. (JR); 12/8 (1f) 1 mi. east of Picadilly on 128th Ave., Adams Co. (JM,JT)
Greater Prairie Chicken 12/1 (1) Flying over I-76 east of Brush, Morgan Co. (DB)
Northern Bobwhite 12/3 (6) Muir Springs, Morgan Co. (JR)
Scaled Quail 12/1-31 (40) 835 Harmony Dr., Pueblo West, Pueblo Co. (BP)
Black-legged Kittiwake 12/6-15 ((1a) Pueblo Reservoir, Pueblo Co. (BD,BP,DJ,MJ)
Mourning Dove 12/1-31 (12) 4430 Gladiola St., Jefferson Co. (RS)
Western Screech-Owl 12/21 (1) Cañon City Riverwalk (BP,VT)
Short-eared Owl 12/3 (2) Along I-76 northeast of Sterling, Logan Co. (TJ)
Northern Saw-whet Owl 12/21 (1H) Lower Oak Creek Grade, Fremont Co. (BP,VT)
Red-headed Woodpecker 12/1-31 (1i) Valentine Wy., Lakewood, Jefferson Co. (JeH)S
Red-bellied Woodpecker 12/27 (5m1f) Bonny Reservoir SP, Yuma Co. (JK,JR)
Yellow-bellied Sapsucker 12/27 (1i) Bonny Reservoir SP (JK,JR)
Northern Flicker 12/19 (1m "Yellow-shafted" race) 2025 S. Monroe St., Denver (TJ)S
Gray Jay 12/28 (1) Percival Cabin 5 mi. north of San Isabel, Custer Co. (BP)
Pinyon Jay 12/21 (200) Brush Hollow Reservoir, Fremont Co. (BP,VT)
Chihuahuan Raven 12/14 (2) Pueblo West (BP,CS,PS)
Plain Titmouse 12/21 (2) Near Temple Canyon, Fremont Co. (BP,VT)
Bewick's Wren 12/21 (5) Cañon City (BP,VT)
Winter Wren 12/28 (1) Castlewood Canyon SP, Douglas Co. (JM,JT)
Eastern Bluebird 12/27 (4) Bonny Reservoir SP (JK,JR)
Curve-billed Thrasher 12/14 (4) Pueblo West (BP,CS,PS)
Bohemian Waxwing 12/28 (8) Percival Cabin (BP)
Cedar Waxwing 12/3 (15) Muir Springs (JR)
Loggerhead Shrike 12/14 (2) Pueblo West (BP,CS,PS)
Yellow-rumped Warbler 12/8 (3) Marston Reservoir, Denver (MS); 12/30 (1f) Wheat Ridge Greenbelt, Jefferson Co. (KS)
Northern Cardinal 12/29 (3m1f) Holly, Prowers Co. (BP,MJ,VT)
Green-tailed Towhee 12/3 (1) Muir Springs (JR)
Canyon Towhee 12/1-31 (2) 835 Harmony Dr., Pueblo West (BP)
White-throated Sparrow 12/21 (2) Cañon City Riverwalk (BP,VT)
Lapland Longspur 12/29 (3) Holly, Prowers County (BP,MJ,VT)
Yellow-headed Blackbird 12/3 (2f) Muir Springs (JR)
Common Grackle 12/7 (1m) Vineland, Pueblo Co. (BP,VT)
Brown-headed Cowbird 12/3 (1m3f) Muir Springs (JR)
Rosy Finch 12/1 (1 "Gray-crowned" race) About 1.75 mi. east of Picadilly on 128th Ave., Adams Co. (MR)
Purple Finch 12/3 (1f) Muir Springs (JR)

 ABBREVIATIONS used above: F = rare-bird Form submitted, H = Heard only, S = Some details given, a = adult, f = female, i = immature, m = male

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COLORADO BIRD REPORT IN DECEMBER

Scott Menough informs that 30 species were reported on the Colorado Bird Report in December. Of these, 11 were neither seen on field trips, the Christmas Bird Count nor reported above as additional reports. The 11 were: Pacific Loon, Red-necked Grebe, Surf Scoter, Peregrine Falcon, Glaucous Gull, Carolina Wren, Northern Mockingbird, LeConte's Sparrow, Swamp Sparrow, Lapland Longspur, and Snow Bunting.

TOTAL SPECIES REPORTED FOR DECEMBER IN THIS ISSUE

A total of 99 species were reported on the Christmas Bird Count, 3 additional species were seen on scheduled DFO field trips, 33 others are shown under "Additional...Reports" on page 40, and 11 more were reported on the Colorado Bird Report making a total of 146 species reported for December in this issue of the *Lark Bunting*.

WELCOME TO NEW MEMBERS

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ANNOUNCEMENTS

Birding at Union Reservoir

The City of Longmont has taken over management of Union Reservoir. Waterskiing and "four wheeling" will no longer be allowed and foot traffic will be restricted to areas far from popular nesting and breeding areas. Bird-watching should be better than ever. There is now a \$3 vehicle fee for entering. For information on season passes call 1-722-1265.

Barr Lake Needs Volunteers

Barr Lake State Park is recruiting people for its Volunteer Naturalist Program. Volunteers are needed to lead nature walks, work at the park office, and to serve as an "information specialist" at the gazebo

in the wildlife refuge among other things. Call Carol Leasure at the park office (659-6005) for more information.

R. T. Peterson Lecture & Book Signing

Roger Torrey Peterson will sign books at Colorado Springs Art Center (30 W. Dale St.) 10:00 AM to noon on Feb. 8. He will lecture that evening from 7:00 until 8:00 (\$10 fee). Call box office at 719-634-5583.

Class on conifers at DMNH

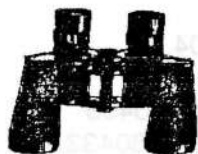
Tina Jones will teach a class on "Colorado Conifers and Their Natural History" at the Denver Museum of Natural History on February 1 and 8. The class involves conifer identification and the birds and mammals associated with the conifers. Fee required. Call 370-6303 to register.

DFO Bay of Fundy Trip

Bob Righter will lead a Northeast Maritime-Bay of Fundy trip for the DFO August 27 thru September 4. At least 13 ferry trips will be made on the Bay of Fundy during the peak of the fall migration. The trip will include a drive down Digby Neck and three nights on Grand Manan Island. The trip will be limited to eight birders. All expenses to be shared. Sign up early to insure reservations. Contact Bob (692-8529) for more details.

DFO Southeast Arizona Trip

A few spaces are still available for Bob Righter's spring trip to southeastern Arizona (see December *Lark Bunting*).



FEBRUARY DFO FIELD TRIPS

Call the Colorado Bird Report at 973-7207 before going on a field trip to determine if there have been any cancellations or changes in schedules.

TIPS FOR HELPING FIELD TRIP LEADERS

Carpool if possible so the leader will have few cars to keep track of and get parked at stops. (Carpooling also saves gasoline and reduces air pollution.

Stay reasonably close to the group whether in cars or on foot.

Do not leave the group without notifying the leader.

TRANSPORTATION COSTS ON FIELD TRIPS

Everyone is expected to share in the mileage expenses on scheduled DFO field trips. The suggested share is 10 cents per mile divided by the number of people in the car including the driver.

FEB 1, Saturday. SEDALIA, PLUM CREEK, CASTLEWOOD CANYON SP*. Leader: Ben Moore (989-0269). Meet at 7:30 AM south of Alberton's on NW corner of S. Broadway & County Line Rd. £

FEB 2, Sunday. BEAR CREEK. Leader: Cal Wichern (693-3718). Meet at 8:00 AM east of Pancake House at Bear Valley Shopping Center on east side of S. Sheridan north of US-285 (Hampden). £

FEB 8, Saturday. FEEDERS IN LITTLETON, DEER CREEK AND TURKEY CREEK. Leader: Robert Spencer (279-4682). Meet at 8:00 AM west of King Sloopers at NE corner of S. Federal & Bellevue. £

FEB 9, Sunday. CHERRY CREEK RESERVOIR SP*. Leader: Randy Lentz (777-7101). Meet at 7:30 AM at west gate of park east of Cherry Creek H.S. (east of S. Yosemite on Union then south and east to gate). £

FEB 15, Saturday. ROCKY MOUNTAIN ARSENAL. Leader: Ed Holub (979-2194). Meet at 7:30 AM at west gate (Quebec at 72nd Ave.). Space limited. Call leader if you wish to go. £

FEB 16, Sunday. BARR LAKE SP* & SOUTH PLATTE RIVER AT 88TH AVENUE. Leader: Jackie King (287-1644). Meet at 8:00 AM at east end of north parking lot of Museum of Natural History in City Park. £

FEB 22, Saturday. FOCUS ON ROSY FINCHES. Leader: Warren Finch (233-3372). Call leader for time and place of meeting and destination. Trip will end around 2:00 PM. £

FEB 23, Sunday. CHATFIELD SP*. Leader: Dick Schottler (278-8035). Meet at 7:30 AM at Park-&-Ride on west side of S. Wadsworth south of US-285 (Hampden). £

FEB 29, Saturday. FORT COLLINS AREA. Leader: Dr. Ron Ryder (1-482-8089). Carpool at 7:15 AM at east end of north parking lot of Museum of Natural History in City Park. Meet leader at 8:45 AM on south side of City Park Lake in Fort Collins (Take County Road 14 exit off of I-25 and go west on CR 14 & Mulberry St.).

£ Bring lunch

* State Park pass required for vehicles

Ruth Wheeler (455-3924)
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Bus Trip to Rocky Mountain Arsenal

The Evergreen Naturalists Audubon Society invites DFO members to take part in a bus trip to the Rocky Mountain Arsenal on Saturday, February 8. Meet at 7:15 AM at the west gate of the arsenal. Register with Karel Buckley (670-0779) by Jan. 31.

DENVER FIELD ORNITHOLOGISTS - Membership Information

WELCOME TO THE D.F.O.

PURPOSE: The prime objective of the club is to promote interest in the study and preservation of birds and their habitats. Members are encouraged to learn about birds in the field noting species and numbers and at the same time learning their songs and calls as well as habits and habitats.

REGULAR MEETINGS: The general meetings are held each month (except June, July, August and December) at 7:30 PM at the Denver Museum of Natural History. Dates and subjects of the meetings are reported on the Colorado Bird Report (973-7207) and in the club bulletin. The meetings are open to the public without charge.

FIELD TRIPS: These are scheduled for almost every Saturday and Sunday throughout the year to a variety of habitats near Denver. Occasionally special trips are arranged to good birding areas in other parts of Colorado. Usually it is necessary to bring a lunch and to wear sturdy hiking shoes or boots. Carpooling is encouraged to get the most from bird watching as well as to save time and energy. Carpooling cost is 10 cents per mile divided by the number of passengers including the driver.

BULLETIN: A monthly bulletin, *The Lark Bunting*, is issued listing field trips scheduled. A complete list of birds seen on the previous month's trips is given in checklist order as are interesting sightings reported by members.

D.F.O. COLORADO BIRD REPORT (303-973-7207)

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NEXT MEETING WEDNESDAY, MARCH 4, 1992 (in the VIP Room)

PROGRAM: "Optics for Birders" - a talk by Dan George

Note: Door-Prize Drawings will be held for tickets to the Denver Museum of Natural History and Imax Theater. One entry per family, please.

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JANUARY 1992 FIELD TRIP SUMMARIES

JANUARY 4, Saturday (USP)
Urban South Platte River. Leader: Phil Hayes. Observers: Mary Dexter, Marina Graves, Betty & Stan Harwood, Helen Hassmer, Alan Hay, Clint Jones, Pearl Jordan, Charlie Lawrence, Alberta Nelson, Kim Potter, Pauline Smith. (Partly cloudy to cloudy; Wind 1-5 MPH; 25-39°F). 17 miles by car, 1½ miles on foot. 4 hours birding. (31 species; 1,978 individuals)

JANUARY 5, Sunday (NWD)
Northwest Denver area lakes and ponds: Sloans, Crown Hill, Maple Grove, Prospect, Coors, Mt. Olivet, Hidden; lunch at leaders' home. Leaders: Diana & Don Mullineaux. Observers: Phyllis Baldwin, Barbara Boland, Ruth Davis, Jim Fisher, Norma Kamby, Chuck Lowrie, Kim Potter, Mort Staatz, Carley Warren. (Clear; Wind, variable 0-3 MPH; 30-50°F). 34 miles by car, ¼ mile on foot. 6½ hours birding. (40 species; 3,204 individuals)

JANUARY 11, Saturday (BDR)
Boulder area: Valmont reservoirs, Walden ponds, Boulder Creek at 75th Street. Leader: Bob Jickling. Observers: Alan & Dee Hay, Joe & Norma Kamby, Bill Kaempfer,

Hope Leighton, Elizabeth Mekkelson, Caroly Murray, Myron & Suzi Plooster, Karleen Schofield, Jenni Sinor, Mort Staatz, Marj & Skip Swies, Joe TenBrink, Amy Young. (Clear to partly cloudy; Calm; 30-49°F). 16½ miles by car, 3 miles on foot. 6½ hours birding. (44 species; 1,642 individuals)

JANUARY 12, Sunday
Trip cancelled due to snowstorm.

JANUARY 18, Saturday (WGB)
Wheat Ridge Greenbelt & Mt. Olivet Cemetery. Leader: Robert Spencer. Observers: Walt Bowles, Mary Dunton, Alberta Nelson, Myron & Suzi Plooster, Karleen Schofield, Pauline Smith, Chuck Walters, Amy Young. (Mostly clear; Calm; 25-35°F). 2½ miles on foot. 7 hours birding. (39 species; 700 individuals)

JANUARY 19, Sunday (ACR)
Adams County Ramblings. Leader: Jackie King. Observers: Alan & Dee Hay, Joe & Norma Kamby, Chuck Lowrie, Kim Potter, Aaron Sell, Mort Staatz, Joe TenBrink. (Clear; Wind, NW 2-4 MPH; 20-48°F). 72 miles by car, 1 mile on foot. 7 hours birding. (43 species; 3,954 individuals)

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The Denver Field Ornithologists was organized as the Colorado Bird Club in 1935 and membership is open to anyone interested in the birds of the Denver area in particular and the birds of Colorado in general. The organization presents monthly evening programs (except in the summer) and conducts about 100 field trips annually.

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Trip summaries continued

JANUARY 25, Saturday (NEC)
Northeastern Colorado: Weld CR-4, Morgan CR-B & CR-3, Muir Springs, Platte River, Jackson Reservoir SP, Riverside Reservoir, Weld CR-386. Leader: Kathy Hawkins. Observers: Nancy Decio, Glenn & Jeane Hageman, Alan & Dee Hay, Phil Hayes, Joey Kellner, Karen Kloverstrom, Randy Lentz, Marta Lindsay, David Pantle, Kim Potter, Jack Reddall, Ira Sanders, Syl Sather, Aaron Sell, Bob Spencer. (Clear; Wind, S 0-10 MPH; 30-45°F). 214 miles by car, 3 miles on foot. 10½ hours birding. (49 species; 30,052 individuals)

JANUARY 26, Sunday (BAR)
Barr Lake SP. Leader: Lee Rowe. Observers: Barbara Bridges, W. W. Brockner, Mary Dexter, Marta Deutman, Barbara Fay, Clint Jones, Chuck Lowrie, Alberta Nelson, David Pantle, Joe TenBrink. (Clear; Wind, light and variable; 28-45°F). 3 miles on foot. 3½ hours birding. (31 species, 628 individuals)

DENVER (URBAN) CHRISTMAS BIRD COUNT
January 1, Wednesday (UCC)
East Denver urban area: Rocky Mountain Arsenal to Cherry Creek Reservoir SP. Compilers: Urling & Hugh Kingery. 75 observers. (77 species; 36,479 individuals)

INDEPENDENT TRIP
January 4, Saturday (SEC)
Southeastern Colorado: Denver to Fort Lyon via I-25 & US-50; marsh at Bent Co. Rds. 16 & JJ; John Martin Reservoir; Lake Hasty; US-50 to Rocky Ford SWA; CO-71 & CO-96 to Ordway & Pueblo; Pueblo Reservoir; Runyon Lake; return to Denver via I-25. Observers: Glenn Hageman, Joey Kellner, Jack Reddall, Steve Stachowiak. (Cloudy early to mostly clear; Wind, W 0-20 MPH; 25-55°F). 470 miles by car, 3 miles on foot. 13½ hours birding. (64 species; 26,360 individuals)

TUESDAY BIRDERS TRIPS
(Compiled by Monna Krebs)
JAN 14. Chatfield Arboretum (ARB). Leader: Ann Bonnell. 24 observers. (19 species, 131 individuals)
JAN 21. Lower Bear Creek (LBC). Leader:

Ann Bonnell. 35 observers. (Clear; Calm; 25-53°F). 2½ hours birding. (27 species, 385 individuals)

JAN 28. Urban South Platte River (SPR). Leader: Ann Bonnell. 35 observers. (Clear; Wind, SE 5 MPH; 40-55°F). 2½ hours birding. (32 species; 1,016 individuals)

JANUARY HIGHLIGHTS

A total of 77 avian species were recorded on seven DFO trips in January (one scheduled trip was cancelled). The Denver Urban Christmas Count on New Year's Day had 12 species that were seen on no DFO trip. Another 12 species were observed on an independent trip. The Tuesday Birders had 4 species not seen on any other trip making 105 species shown on Table 1 on pages 46-47. Another 31 species are shown under "Additional... Reports" on page 48 and 7 others were reported on the Colorado Bird Report (page 48) making a total of 143 species reported for Colorado in January in this issue of the *Lark Bunting*. This compares to 120 species in January of 1991 and to 146 species in December.

The first DFO trip of the year, as usual, was along the South Platte River in urban Denver (USP). Probably the highlight of the trip on a nippy Saturday was the close observation of 8 wintering Black-crowned Night-Herons.

The temperature was a little warmer the next day on the Mullineaux-led trip to northwest Denver area lakes and ponds (NWD). The eleven observers on that trip viewed a Greater Scaup and 32 Red-breasted Mergansers.

Seventeen birders went with Bob Jickling around the Boulder area (BDR) on a mild Saturday. Among other things they viewed an unusual mid-winter Horned Grebe and equally unusual mid-winter Double-crested Cormorant.

Heavy snow on the following day caused cancellation of Mort Staatz' scheduled trip to Cherry Creek Reservoir SP.

Bob Spencer led 9 watchers to the Wheat Ridge Greenbelt and environs (WGB) on a mild Saturday. Their better sight-

ings were of Greater Scaup (no doubt the same one seen on the NWD trip), Eastern Screech-Owl, Winter Wren, and American Dipper.

Probably the "best bird" seen by Jackie King and her nine followers around Adams County (ACR) on a mild Sunday was a "Krider's" race Red-tailed Hawk.

Not surprisingly, Kathy Hawkins' trip to northeastern Colorado (NEC) was the big trip of the month with 49 species. The eighteen observers spotted many species seen on no other trip. Perhaps the best of these was a rare winter Green-tailed Towhee and 9 Lapland Longspurs. CB radios in 4 of the 5 cars on the trip proved to be very helpful (see note at bottom of page).

The ten who went with Lee Rowe to Barr Lake (BAR) on a mild Sunday found a completely frozen lake and so had few water birds. They did count 6 Brown Creepers and 28 Song Sparrows.

Probably the best sightings on the Denver Urban Christmas Count (UCC) were of Northern Goshawk, 10 Virginia Rails, Thayer's Gull, Glaucous Gull, Red-bellied Woodpecker, and 5 Golden-crowned Kinglets.

The independent trip to southeastern Colorado (SEC) reported an amazing 7,660 Snow Geese including 10 "Blue" phase.

Maybe the best sighting of the Tuesday Birders was of 3 Yellow-rumped Warblers on their trip along lower Bear Creek (LBC).

Use of CB Radios on Field Trips Urged
CB radios were used with such success on the NEC trip (see above) that it is urged that anybody who has a permanently installed CB, an emergency CB, or a Walkie-Talkie CB bring it along on any field trip in which much driving by several cars will be involved. The club intends to purchase two or more for use on DFO trips but can't practically furnish every vehicle with one. The trips scheduled for March 7, 15, 22, and 28 (see page 54) are ones in which such radios might be useful.

TABLE 1: Birds Reported on January Field Trips

DATE AREA COVERED LIFE ZONES VISITED	4 USP P	5 NWD P	11 BDR P	18 WGB P	19 ACR P	25 NEC P	26 BAR P	1 UCC p	4 SEC P	14 ARB P	21 LBC P	28 SPR P
Pied-billed Grebe	1	1	5		8			2	4			1
Horned Grebe			1									
Western Grebe			7						4			
Double-crested Cormorant			3					1				
Great Blue Heron	3	3				1		3	90			1
Black-crowned Night-Heron	8							5			1	2i
Snow Goose												
"White" morph			1			1			7650			
"Blue" morph									10			
Canada Goose	670	1953	625	350	215	12150	150	10367	1500	14	25	243
Wood Duck		1		3f				21				
Green-winged Teal	27	1	4	6	20			224				26
Mallard	400	267	235	40	140	15003	50	2886	450		168	331
Northern Pintail	5		9		380			61			1	1m
Northern Shoveler	250	289	1	30	650			885				
Gadwall	70	10	3	10	30			383	2f			10
American Wigeon	160	3	3	6	6			430				27
Canvasback		1		1f				2				
Redhead	1	15	9	10	1			41				
Ring-necked Duck	1	18	16		450			99	15			13
Greater Scaup		1		1								
Lesser Scaup	2m	10	3	6	1			4				4
Oldsquaw									2m			
Common Goldeneye	25	29	17	6	550	5f	8	216	1200		6	11
Bufflehead	15	5		4				11	25			13
Hooded Merganser	5	7	32					21	50			
Common Merganser	4	27	295			80	8	355	8000		4	5f3m
Red-breasted Merganser		32										
Ruddy Duck		1		1f	4							
Bald Eagle			2a		1	4a1i	1	34	11a32i			
Northern Harrier						1m1f	1	1	2m8f			
Sharp-shinned Hawk						2		7	1a			
Cooper's Hawk						1						
Northern Goshawk								1	1a			
Accipiter sp.		1										
Red-tailed Hawk		2			3		1	23		1		
western races			1	1		6			83			1
"Dark" phase						1						1
"Harlan's" race								1				
"Kriger's" race					1							
Ferruginous Hawk			2		12	3		23	6			
Rough-legged Hawk			2		3	5	1	8	2			
"Dark" phase						1						
Buteo species								8				
Golden Eagle					1	5a1i			1a2i	1i		
American Kestrel			1	1	9	8	1	30	65	1m	2	1
Merlin		2										
Prairie Falcon						5		1	1			
Ring-necked Pheasant					3m2f	2m1f		38	1			
Northern Bobwhite									6			
Scaled Quail									60			
Virginia Rail								10				
American Coot		14	60	6	40			4	25			3
Killdeer	5				3	2		24				2
Common Snipe				5				15				
Ring-billed Gull	60	310	11	30	300		2	1166	3500		4	23
California Gull								1	3i			
Herring Gull	2	1			1	10		80	2a1i			
Thayer's Gull								1				
Glaucous Gull								1				
Gull species								3				
Rock Dove	95	78	15		380	28	2	2303	630	3	37	136

TABLE 1: January Field Trips (continued)

DATE	4	5	11	18	19	25	26	1	4	14	21	28
AREA COVERED	USP	NWD	BDR	WGB	ACR	NEC	BAR	UCC	SEC	ARB	LBC	SPR
LIFE ZONES VISITED	P	P	P	P	P	P	P	p	P	P	P	P
Greater Roadrunner								1	1			
Eastern Screech-Owl				1				7	2			
Great-horned Owl						2						
Belted Kingfisher	4	1	3	1	2	3		14	1		3	4
Lewis' Woodpecker									4			
Red-bellied Woodpecker								1	1m			
Downy Woodpecker	1f		1	1	2	2	5	30		2	4	2
Hairy Woodpecker						1	1					
Northern Flicker		6					1		20			
"Yellow-shafted" race						1						
"Red-shafted" race	3		4	5	5	10		202			7	1
Horned Lark					20	726	150	428	40			
Blue Jay			2	1		2H		30	2			
Scrub Jay										1		
Black-billed Magpie	14	25	12	29	50	26	16	882	45	14	28	11
American Crow	5	7	2	3	2	2		412	150	15	6	6
Chihuahuan Raven									2			
Common Raven										4		
Black-capped Chickadee	2		2	8	2	9	12	98	5	14	12	1
Mountain Chickadee								4				
Red-breasted Nuthatch						1H		20				
White-breasted Nuthatch								3				
Brown Creeper			1	2			6	27	1		5	4
Winter Wren				1								
Marsh Wren			1	1		1		1	3			
American Dipper				1							2	
Golden-crowned Kinglet								5				
Ruby-crowned Kinglet											1	
Townsend's Solitaire						3		13				
American Robin		8	11	1	2	68	1	377	110	1	5	2
Brown Thrasher									1			
Curve-billed Thrasher									1			
American Pipit								5				
Cedar Waxwing						12		50				
Northern Shrike		1				1		3	4a1i	1		
Loggerhead Shrike									2			
European Starling	100	29	75	15	165	260	2	8202	1400		33	121
Yellow-rumped Warbler											3	
Green-tailed Towhee						1						
Rufous-sided Towhee								1			1	
Canyon Towhee									2			
American Tree Sparrow			14		10	52	6	231	50			
Song Sparrow			4	3	2	12	28	111	25	3	2	1
Swamp Sparrow									1			
White-throated Sparrow									3			
White-crowned Sparrow		3			6	7	12	65	60			
Dark-eyed Junco	3	1			30	1	3	89		14		
"White-winged" race								1				
"Slate-colored" race						1		58	2			
"Oregon" race			5	1	40	1		388	10		1	
"Gray-headed" race								11				
Lapland Longspur						9						
Red-winged Blackbird		2	85	70	180	1156	120	369	800	1		
Western Meadowlark			6		11	9	2	85	70			
Brewer's Blackbird						23		27				
House Finch	15	14	16	12	40		12	1998	1	20	4	2
Pine Siskin								2	10			
American Goldfinch		6		7		19	10	42	60	20	2	
House Sparrow	22	19	35	20	170	300	6	2385	25	1	18	3
TOTAL SPECIES	31	40	44	39	43	49	31	77	64	19	27	32
TOTAL INDIVIDUALS	1978	3204	1642	700	3954	30052	628	36479	26360	131	385	1016

Abbreviations used in Table 1: H = Heard only, P = Plains; a = adult, f = female, i = immature, m = male

ADDITIONAL JANUARY 1991 REPORTS

Common Loon 1/4 (1w) Pueblo Reservoir, Pueblo Co. (BP,BD)
 Eared Grebe 1/1-31 (1) Coors Pond, Jefferson Co. (DN)
 Clark's Grebe 1/5 (1) Hamilton Reservoir, Larimer Co. (DS,WF)
 Greater White-fronted Goose 1/2 (1V) Wheat Ridge Greenbelt, Jefferson Co. (DN)
 Snow Goose 1/25 (100 "White" & 5 "Blue" morph) Jumbo Reservoir, Sedgwick Co. (DB)
 Wood Duck 1/21 (90) Pueblo River Greenway, Pueblo, Pueblo Co. (JR)
 Oldsquaw 1/26 (4) Hamilton Reservoir (JoR)
 White-winged Scoter 1/26 (1) Hamilton Reservoir (JoR)
 Barrow's Goldeneye 1/1 (1m1f) Pueblo Reservoir (BP)
 Northern Goshawk 1/30 (1) 3 mi. east of Wellington, Larimer Co. (DS)
Red-shouldered Hawk 1/4-17 (1i) Blende, Pueblo Co. (DR,BD,BP,mo)
 White-tailed Ptarmigan 1/20 (20) Guanella Pass, Clear Creek Co. (DS,BB)
 Wild Turkey 1/20 (45) Kerr Gulch, Jefferson Co. (DS); 1/22 (96) Kerr Gulch (DN,RS)
 Scaled Quail 1/1-31 (50) 835 Harmony Dr., Pueblo West, Pueblo Co. (BP)
 Bonaparte's Gull 1/4 (6aw) Pueblo Reservoir (BD,BP)
Lesser Black-backed Gull 1/11 (1 2nd w) Pueblo Reservoir (VT,BP,mo)
 Glaucous Gull 1/1&24 (1 1st w) Cherry Creek Reservoir SP, Arapahoe Co. (JR)
 Northern Saw-whet Owl 1/22-31 (1a) Pueblo (BD,BP,MJ,PS,VT)
 Red-headed Woodpecker 1/9 (1i) S. Valentine Way, Lakewood, Jefferson Co. (DS)
Yellow-bellied Sapsucker 1/27 (1i) near 3400 4th St., Boulder, Boulder Co. (DN,RS)
 Gray Jay 1/28 (3) Guanella Pass road, Clear Creek Co. (AH,GH,PH,JR)
 Clark's Nutcracker 1/28 (2) Georgetown, Clear Creek Co. (AH,GH,PH,JR)
 Plain Titmouse 1/1 (2) near Beulah, Pueblo Co. (BP)
 Canyon Wren 1/29 (2) Red Rocks Park, Jefferson Co. (KS)
Carolina Wren 1/1 (1a) Beulah, Pueblo Co. (BP)F
 Bewick's Wren 1/21 (1) Pueblo River Greenway (JR)
 Golden-crowned Kinglet 1/1 (3) Corner of S. Cook & Asbury, Denver, Denver Co. (TJ)
 Mountain Bluebird 1/30 (3m) Genesee Mountain Park, Jefferson Co. (NK)
 Northern Mockingbird 1/25 (1) east of Crook, Logan Co. (DB)
 Yellow-rumped Warbler 1/12-27 (1) 150 S. 36th, Boulder (HW)
 Canyon Towhee 1/1-31 (2) 835 Harmony Dr., Pueblo West (BP)
Golden-crowned Sparrow 1/19 (1) Red Rocks Park (BB,DM,JK,ME)
 Harris Sparrow 1/1-31 (2) 14155 W. 54th Ave., Arvada, Jefferson Co. (DM)
 Lapland Longspur 1/5 (1) near Rockport, Weld Co. (DS,WF)
 Snow Bunting 1/4 (5) 2 mi. north of Jackson Reservoir, Morgan Co. (DN)
 Yellow-headed Blackbird 1/18 (1m) Vineland, Pueblo Co. (BP,MJ)
 Rusty Blackbird 1/21 (1m) Pueblo River Greenway (JR)
 Cassin's Finch 1/28 (1m) Georgetown (AH,GH,PH,JR)
 Evening Grosbeak 1/28 (5m) Georgetown (AH,GH,PH,JR)

ABBREVIATIONS used above: F = rare-bird Form submitted, V = flying overhead, a = adult, f = female, i = immature, m = male, w = winter plumage

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COLORADO BIRD REPORT IN JANUARY

Scott Menough informs that 24 species were reported on the Colorado Bird Report in January. Of these, the following 7 were neither seen on field trips nor reported above as "Additional...Reports": Red-necked Grebe, Ross' Goose, Gyr Falcon, Long-eared Owl, Short-eared Owl, Eastern Bluebird, Cape May Warbler.

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SUMMARY OF 1991 SCHEDULED DFO FIELD TRIPS (Compiled by Phil Hayes)

In 1991 the Denver Field Ornithologists conducted 95 scheduled field trips (excluding Spring, Fall, and Christmas counts) which were led by 53 different leaders and co-leaders and participated in by 1022 observers (316 different ones)* including the leaders (see Table 2). A total of 5,757 miles were traveled by car and 241 miles covered by foot on the field trips. A total of 716.4 hours were spent in the field birdwatching. Thus, the average scheduled trip lasted 7.4 hours, covered about 62 miles and was attended by 10.5 observers. The scheduled trips recorded 279 species (see Table 3 on pages 50-53) which was up from the 1990 total of 276. A grand total of 383 species were recorded in 1991 in the *Lark Bunting* from all sources, i.e., scheduled DFO Field Trips; the Spring, Fall, and Christmas Counts; Independent and Tuesday Birders' Trips; "Additional...Reports", and the Colorado Bird Report.

We are all grateful to Ruth Wheeler and Ruth Breckon for their efforts in arranging the field trips and to all of the field trip leaders.

* Virgil Williams takes honors for best attendance with 28 trips attended. Ed Holub and Ben Moore were the leading leaders with 7 trips each

TABLE 2: DFO FIELD TRIPS FOR 1990 AND 1991 SUMMARIZED

MONTH	Number of Field Trips		Miles Covered by car		Miles Covered on foot		Hours Spent Birding		Number of Observers	
	1990	1991	1990	1991	1990	1991	1990	1991	1990	1991
January	8	8	538	302	17.0	20.7	53.30	45.05	105	62
February	8	8	295	351	16.5	12.5	46.50	50.00	54	95
March	9	9	213	472	26.5	19.3	50.25	58.75	87	110
April	8	8	657	1283	28.7	19.0	71.50	82.00	109	128
May	6	6	228	133	22.8	17.5	50.25	44.05	114	76
June	11	13	771	766	30.0	38.5	71.00	88.00	153	129
July	8	10	281	281	20.3	24.5	61.00	84.75	100	97
August	8	11	499	830	20.5	25.0	67.00	80.00	106	106
September	8	8	645	636	15.0	28.0	65.50	70.25	89	82
October	7	8	633	292	16.0	19.0	58.75	62.80	59	86
November	8	6	113	344	22.7	15.5	45.80	38.00	97	35
December	3	2	104	67	5.0	1.5	22.50	12.75	24	16
TOTALS	92	97	4977	5757	241.0	241.0	663.35	716.40	1097	1022
Ave./Trip			54.1	59.8	2.62	2.48	7.21	7.39	11.9	10.5

TABLE 3: SPECIES SEEN ON 1991 FIELD TRIPS AND NUMBER OF TRIPS PER MONTH EACH SPECIES SEEN

SPECIES	JAN	FEB	MAR	APR	MAY	JUN	JUL	AUG	SEP	OCT	NOV	DEC	YEAR
Common Loon		1		1	1			1	1	3	2		10
Yellow-billed Loon		1											1
Pied-billed Grebe	1	2	2	7	3	2	1	4	2	7	4	2	37
Horned Grebe	1	1	1	4					1	5	2	1	16
Eared Grebe			2	5	1	1	1		2	2			14
Western Grebe	1	1		5	3	5	3	4		4	3		29
Clark's Grebe				2	1	1	2	1	1				8
American White Pelican				5	3	2	3	5	2		1		21
Double-crested Cormorant	1		2	5	5	7	5	7	3	7	3		45
American Bittern				1									1
Great Blue Heron	3		3	6	5	8	5	7	5	5	3	2	52
Great Egret							1	2		1			4
Snowy Egret						1	1	3	1				6
Cattle Egret				1	1			1					3
Green-backed Heron				1	1	1		1					4
Black-crowned Night-Heron	1			3	3	5	5	3		1		1	22
White-faced Ibis				2			1		1				4
Greater White-fronted Goose		1											1
Snow Goose				2							3		5
Ross' Goose				1									1
Canada Goose	8	6	8	8	2	7	5	5	4	8	6	2	69
Wood Duck	1	1	1	2	2	1	1	2	1	1	3		16
Green-winged Teal	4	4	6	7	2	1	3	1	3	6	5	2	44
Mallard	7	6	7	7	5	12	7	10	6	8	6	2	83
Northern Pintail	1	3	4	4	2	3	1	1	1	5	3	1	29
Blue-winged Teal			1	6	3	3	1	3	2	1	1		21
Cinnamon Teal			1	6	1	2		1	1	1			13
Northern Shoveler	2	2	5	7	2	3		3	2	4	4	1	35
Gadwall	4	3	6	7	2	4	2	3	1	7	5	1	45
American Wigeon	2	2	7	7	2		1	3	2	7	6	2	41
Canvasback		2	2	1	1				1		1	1	9
Redhead	1	2	6	3	1	2		2	1	6	3	2	29
Ring-necked Duck	2	1	3	7	1		1		1	5	2	1	24
Greater Scaup	1									1			2
Lesser Scaup	2	2	5	7	3		2		1	4	5	1	32
Oldsquaw			1										1
Common Goldeneye	5	5	6	3						1	5	2	27
Bufflehead	1	2	2	6	1		1	1		3	6	2	25
Hooded Merganser	3	2	1			1			1	4	3	2	17
Common Merganser	4	3	6	5	1	1	2	2		3	5	2	34
Red-breasted Merganser	3		2	1							1		7
Ruddy Duck		1	1	5	2	1	1	2	1	5	2	1	22
Turkey Vulture				3	4	5	2	4	4	1			23
Osprey				2	1	1			2	2			8
Mississippi Kite									1				1
Bald Eagle	4	3	1	2		1	1			1	4		17
Northern Harrier	5	3	4	4	1		3	3	4	5	3		35
Sharp-shinned Hawk	2			1				2	2	5	1	1	14
Cooper's Hawk	1			1	3	2		1	3				11
Northern Goshawk								1			1		2
Broad-winged Hawk									1				1
Swainson's Hawk				7	3	6	5	5	4	1			31
Red-tailed Hawk	7	6	7	7	3	10	8	7	5	8	6	2	76
Ferruginous Hawk	4	1	4	3	1	1	1	1	2	5	3	1	27
Rough-legged Hawk	4	2	3							2	3	1	15
Golden Eagle	2	2	4	1	1	3	2		2	3	3		23
American Kestrel	5	3	7	7	5	8	4	6	5	5	5	1	61
Merlin	1			2						1	1		5
Peregrine Falcon						1				1			2
Prairie Falcon	3		3	1	1	1	1	1	3	2	1		17
Chukar				1									1
Ring-necked Pheasant	4	1	3	3	2	1	1		1	4	1		21
Blue Grouse						1	2						3
White-tailed Ptarmigan							1						1
Lesser Prairie Chicken				1									1
Wild Turkey			1		1				1				3
Northern Bobwhite	1		1	1	1	1	1	1	1				8
Scaled Quail				1					1				3
Virginia Rail	2		1	1		3		2		2	3		14
Sora				1			1	2					4

TABLE 3: SPECIES SEEN ON 1991 FIELD TRIPS (CONTINUED)

SPECIES	JAN	FEB	MAR	APR	MAY	JUN	JUL	AUG	SEP	OCT	NOV	DEC	YEAR
American Coot	3	2	5	7	2	1	1	5	3	7	6	2	44
Sandhill Crane				1		1	1						2
Black-bellied Plover										1	1		2
Snowy Plover									1				1
Semipalmated Plover				2				1		1			4
Killdeer	2		4	8	2	11	7	7	4	6	3	1	55
Mountain Plover				1									1
Black-necked Stilt				1					1				2
American Avocet				4	2	1	1	2	1				11
Greater Yellowlegs				5			2	3	1	1	3		15
Lesser Yellowlegs				3	1		2	2	2	2			12
Solitary Sandpiper				1				4					5
Willet				3			2			1			6
Spotted Sandpiper				1	3	7	5	4	1	1			22
Upland Sandpiper						1	1						2
Long-billed Curlew				1					1				2
Marbled Godwit				2			1	1	1				5
Sanderling										1			1
Semipalmated Sandpiper				2	1			1	1				5
Western Sandpiper				1			2	3	1				7
Least Sandpiper					1		2	3	1	2			9
Baird's Sandpiper				1	1		1	2	1				6
Pectoral Sandpiper				1				1	1	2			5
Stilt Sandpiper					1		1	1					3
Short-billed Dowitcher							1						1
Long-billed Dowitcher				3	1		2	1	1	1	2		11
Common Snipe	1	1	2	3			2	2	1	2	4		18
Wilson's Phalarope				3	2		2	2	1				10
Red-necked Phalarope					1								1
Franklin's Gull				3	1	1		4	4	5	2		20
Bonaparte's Gull				2						1	2		5
Ring-billed Gull	5	3	7	8	3	4	5	7	5	8	6	2	63
California Gull			1	4		2	6	6	1	5	2		27
Herring Gull	3	4	3	2			1			1	3		17
Thayer's Gull			1										1
Glaucous Gull	1												1
Caspian Tern							2						2
Forster's Tern				1	1	1	2	2	1	2			10
Black Tern					1	1	1	1	1	1			6
Rock Dove	5	6	8	8	3	6	3	5	6	6	5	2	63
Band-tailed Pigeon						1							1
Mourning Dove			1	7	6	12	6	8	5	5	1	1	52
Yellow-billed Cuckoo					1	2	1		1				5
Greater Roadrunner									1				1
Barn Owl				1	1	1	1		1				5
Eastern Screech-Owl	1						1				1		3
Western Screech-Owl									1				1
Great Horned Owl	4	6	5	4	3	3	2	4	2	3	3	1	40
Burrowing Owl				4	1	2	2		1				10
Long-eared Owl	1		1										2
Short-eared Owl	1	1								1	1		4
Common Nighthawk					1	2	4	1	1				9
Chimney Swift					2	2							4
White-throated Swift				1		6			2				9
Black-chinned Hummingbird						1							1
Calliope Hummingbird								1					1
Broad-tailed Hummingbird					3	10	6	5	3				27
Rufous Hummingbird							2	3					5
Belted Kingfisher	4	2	2	4	2	6	2	8	3	5	5	2	45
Lewis' Woodpecker		1	2	1		3			1	1			9
Red-headed Woodpecker					2	1	1	1	1				6
Red-bellied Woodpecker									1	1	1		3
Yellow-bellied Sapsucker		1									1	1	3
Red-naped Sapsucker						2	5	1	2				10
Williamson's Sapsucker						1	1	1					3
Ladder-backed Woodpecker				1					1				2
Downy Woodpecker	4	5	7	5	3	6	5	8	6	8	6	2	65
Hairy Woodpecker	1	2	1	2			3	4	2	1	1		17
Northern Flicker	7	6	8	6	5	10	10	8	8	8	6	2	84
Olive-sided Flycatcher					1	3	2	1	1				8

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TABLE 3: SPECIES SEEN ON 1991 FIELD TRIPS (CONTINUED)

SPECIES	JAN	FEB	MAR	APR	MAY	JUN	JUL	AUG	SEP	OCT	NOV	DEC	YEAR
Western Wood-Pewee					4	12	7	9	4				36
Willow Flycatcher						1			1				2
Least Flycatcher					1	1	1		2				5
Hammond's Flycatcher						1	1						2
Gray Flycatcher						1							1
Cordilleran Flycatcher					1	5	1	2					9
Eastern Phoebe				1					1				2
Say's Phoebe				2	1		1	2					6
Ash-throated Flycatcher						1		1					2
Great Crested Flycatcher							1		1				2
Cassin's Kingbird									1				1
Western Kingbird					3	10	5	6	4				28
Eastern Kingbird					3	4	4	5	3				19
Horned Lark	4	3	3	6	3	2	5	1	3	2	2		34
Tree Swallow				4	5	6	7	3					25
Violet-green Swallow				2	3	8	5	5					23
Northern Rough-winged Swallow				3	3	3	1	2					12
Bank Swallow				1	2	2		2					7
Cliff Swallow				1	4	11	8	4	1	1			30
Barn Swallow				5	5	11	8	8	4	1			42
Gray Jay							3	2					5
Steller's Jay	1	2	1		1	4	3	4	2	1			19
Blue Jay	2	4	3	1	4	5	1	4	4	5	3	2	38
Scrub Jay		3	2	1	3	3			5	1			18
Pinyon Jay			1							1			2
Clark's Nutcracker		1					2	1					4
Black-billed Magpie	8	8	8	8	5	12	8	10	6	8	6	2	89
American Crow	3	6	6	7	4	9	6	7	4	7	4	2	65
Chihuahuan Raven			1	1					1				3
Common Raven		3	2	2	2	4	4	4	2	1	1		25
Black-capped Chickadee	7	7	7	6	5	11	8	7	6	6	6	2	78
Mountain Chickadee		3	2		1	4	4	5	3	1			23
Plain Titmouse						1			1				2
Bushtit						1			1				2
Red-breasted Nuthatch		1			1	3	1	4	1	1			12
White-breasted Nuthatch		3	2			5	2	3	4	1	1		21
Pygmy Nuthatch		1				1	3	3	1	1			10
Brown Creeper	1	1	2				1	1	1	2	3	1	13
Rock Wren				2		2		2	3				9
Canyon Wren		1		1		3			2				7
Bewick's Wren			1	1					1	1			4
House Wren				1	5	13	9	8	4	1			41
Winter Wren	1										2		3
Marsh Wren	2		1	1				1	1	2	2		10
American Dipper	2	2				2	2	1		1	1		11
Golden-crowned Kinglet	1								1	2			4
Ruby-crowned Kinglet			1	3	3	4	4	1	2	4	3		25
Blue-gray Gnatcatcher				1	5	1			2	1			10
Eastern Bluebird			1		1		1	1			1		5
Western Bluebird			1			2	1	3	1				8
Mountain Bluebird		1	2		1	4	4	4	2	3			21
Townsend's Solitaire	3	3	4	2	1	4	1	2	3	1	2		26
Swainson's Thrush					2	1	1		1				5
Hermit Thrush					2	2	3	1		1			9
American Robin	5	5	8	8	6	13	10	9	7	7	2	2	82
Gray Catbird				1	2	1	1	1	1				7
Northern Mockingbird					1			1	1	1			4
Sage Thrasher			1	1			1		1	1			5
Brown Thrasher				1	2	2	1	2	2				10
Curve-billed Thrasher				1						1			2
American Pipit				1			2	1	1	2	1		8
Bohemian Waxwing	1	1	1										3
Cedar Waxwing				1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1		8
Northern Shrike	1	4	2								3		11
Loggerhead Shrike				5	2		2	1	2				12
European Starling	8	7	8	8	5	11	5	8	6	8	6	2	82
Bell's Vireo					1	1	1						3
Solitary Vireo						4							4
Warbling Vireo					3	9	5		2				19
Red-eyed Vireo						1		1	1				3

TABLE 3: SPECIES SEEN ON 1991 FIELD TRIPS (CONTINUED)

SPECIES	JAN	FEB	MAR	APR	MAY	JUN	JUL	AUG	SEP	OCT	NOV	DEC	YEAR
Orange-crowned Warbler				1	2	1		1	5	2			12
Nashville Warbler									1				1
Virginia's Warbler					1	4			2				7
Yellow Warbler					5	10	6	4	3	1			29
Chestnut-sided Warbler						1							1
Black-throated Blue Warbler								1					1
Yellow-rumped Warbler				3	5	4	5	3	4	7	1		32
Black-throated Gray Warbler						1			1				2
Townsend's Warbler					1				2				3
Palm Warbler										1			1
Black-and-white Warbler				1									1
American Redstart					1			1					2
Ovenbird					2	1							3
Northern Waterthrush					1								2
MacGillivray's Warbler					2	1			2				5
Common Yellowthroat					2	7	3	1	2				15
Wilson's Warbler						2	5	3	5				15
Yellow-breasted Chat						5	2						7
Western Tanager					2	5	3	4	2				16
Rose-breasted Grosbeak					1	2							3
Black-headed Grosbeak					3	8	4	4	2				21
Blue Grosbeak					1	1	1		1				4
Lazuli Bunting					3	8	1	2					14
Indigo Bunting					1	1	2						4
Dickcissel							1						1
Green-tailed Towhee				1	2	4	3	1	1	1	1		14
Rufous-sided Towhee	1	2	2	2	3	9	2	1	5	2	2		31
Canyon Towhee			1	1		1			1	1			5
Cassin's Sparrow				1	1								2
American Tree Sparrow	6	5	6							3	5	1	26
Chipping Sparrow				4	3	6	4	7	6	4			34
Clay-colored Sparrow					1				1	1			3
Brewer's Sparrow				1	1		1	1	2				6
Field Sparrow										1			1
Vesper Sparrow				4	3	2	3	2	4	1			19
Lark Sparrow				1	3	3	3	2	3				15
Lark Bunting				1	2	1	4		3				11
Savannah Sparrow				1		1	2		3	1			8
Grasshopper Sparrow					1		1						2
Fox Sparrow						1		1					2
Song Sparrow	4	5	6	6	4	8	7	3	2	6	6	2	59
Lincoln's Sparrow			1	1	2	3	5	2	1	1			16
Swamp Sparrow										1	1		2
White-throated Sparrow				1						1	1		3
White-crowned Sparrow	2		3	7	2	2	5	2	3	6	3	1	36
Harris' Sparrow				1								1	2
Dark-eyed Junco	7	6	6	3		4	5	4	2	5	6	2	50
McCown's Longspur				1				1					2
Chestnut-collared Longspur				1				1					2
Bobolink							1						1
Red-winged Blackbird	6	4	8	8	5	13	8	6	7	8	5	2	80
Western Meadowlark	3	3	7	8	6	11	7	5	7	5	3		65
Yellow-headed Blackbird	1	1		4	3	5	3	1	1				19
Brewer's Blackbird	1	1	1	3	2	5	5	3	1	1	1		24
Great-tailed Grackle				1	1	1			1				4
Common Grackle			1	8	5	12	5	5	3	5	1		45
Brown-headed Cowbird	1			1	3	11	8		3				27
Orchard Oriole					2	1	1						4
Northern Oriole					4	9	5	4	1				23
Rosy Finch		1					2	1					4
Pine Grosbeak		1					1	1					3
Cassin's Finch		1	3			3	2	3					12
House Finch	7	3	7	5	4	8	2	8	4	7	4	2	61
Red Crossbill						1	1	1					3
Pine Siskin		3	1	1	2	6	4	5		1	1		24
Lesser Goldfinch					2	4	1	2	4				13
American Goldfinch	5	2	3	1	4	10	5	7	5	5	4	1	52
Evening Grosbeak	1			1			2	3	1	1			9
House Sparrow	6	4	5	8	5	10	3	7	4	5	4	2	63
SPECIES PER MONTH	82	81	95	160	155	165	169	162	179	138	99	51	279

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Colorado Wildlife Rehabilitation Symposium

A wildlife rehabilitation symposium will be held at the Colorado Division of Wildlife at 6060 Broadway on February 29 and March 1. A registration fee will include handouts and refreshments. For more information contact Sigrid Ueblacher (460-0647).

Monte Vista Crane Festival

The Monte Vista Crane Festival will be held on two weekends in March (13-15 and 20-22). For more information write Monte Vista Crane Festival, P.O. Box 585, Monte Vista, CO 81144 or call 719-852-4382 from 9 to 5 Mon thru Fri.

Colorado Bird Atlas can use volunteers

The Breeding Bird Atlas Project can still use volunteer field workers. If you would like to help out call Hugh Kingery (333-0161).



MARCH DFO FIELD TRIPS

Call the Colorado Bird Report at 973-7207 before going on a field trip to determine if there have been any cancellations or changes in schedules.

TRANSPORTATION COSTS ON FIELD TRIPS

Everyone is expected to share in the mileage expenses on scheduled DFO field trips. The suggested share is 10 cents per mile divided by the number of people in the car including the driver.

MAR 1, Sunday. WHEAT RIDGE GREENBELT. Leaders: Joe & Norma Kamby (421-5961). Meet at 8:00 AM at Prospect Park Lake south of W. 44th Ave. near Robb St. £

MAR 7, Saturday. BOULDER AREA. Leaders: Myron & Suzi Plooster (494-6708). Carpool at 7:45 AM south of W. 38th Ave. on Vance St. (1 block east of Wadsworth). Park on street east of church parking lot. Meet leaders at 8:30 AM in north parking lot of U.S. Dept. of Commerce

Boulder Labs. (From US-36 take Baseline exit and turn left; turn left again at next light; cross street at next light onto laboratory grounds). £

MAR 8, Sunday. BARR LAKE SP*. Leaders: Lee & Marilyn Rowe (659-8069). Carpool at 6:45 AM at east end of north parking lot of Museum of Natural History in City Park. Meet leaders at 7:30 AM at nature center in the park. ö

MAR 14, Saturday. CHERRY CREEK RESERVOIR SP*. Leader: Mort Staatz (279-6169). Meet at 8:00 AM at west gate of the park east of Cherry Creek H.S. (east from S. Yosemite on Union then south and east to gate). ö

MAR 15, Sunday. CHEROKEE RANCH & DANIELS GARDENS. Leader: Ben Moore (989-0269). Meet at 7:30 AM south of Albertson's on N.W. corner of S. Broadway & County Line Rd. Carpooling required. £

MAR 21, Saturday. SOUTH PLATTE RIVER PARK. Leader: Ed Holub (979-2194). Meet at 7:30 AM at Park-&-Ride N.W. of intersection of S. Santa Fe & Mineral. £

MAR 22, Sunday. PUEBLO AREA. Leader: Brandon Percival (719-547-3722). Meet at 8:30 AM at Pueblo Hotel on south side of US-50 east of I-25. £

MAR 28, Saturday. ADAMS COUNTY. Leader: Jackie King (287-1644). Meet at 7:30 AM at east end of north parking lot of Museum of Natural History in City Park. £

MAR 29, Sunday. CHATFIELD SP*. Leader: Phil Hayes (425-5448). Meet at 7:30 AM at west gate of park. £

£ Bring lunch

ö Half-day trip. Lunch optional

* State Park pass required for vehicles

Ruth Breckon (455-0970)

Ruth Wheeler (455-3924)

DFO Southeast Arizona Trip

At press time there was still one space left on the DFO trip to southeastern Arizona. If interested call Bob Righter (692-8529).

DENVER FIELD ORNITHOLOGISTS - Membership Information

WELCOME TO THE D.F.O.

PURPOSE: The prime objective of the club is to promote interest in the study and preservation of birds and their habitats. Members are encouraged to learn about birds in the field noting species and numbers and at the same time learning their songs and calls as well as habits and habitats.

REGULAR MEETINGS: The general meetings are held each month (except June, July, August and December) at 7:30 PM at the Denver Museum of Natural History. Dates and subjects of the meetings are reported on the Colorado Bird Report (973-7207) and in the club bulletin. The meetings are open to the public without charge.

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BULLETIN: A monthly bulletin, *The Lark Bunting*, is issued listing field trips scheduled. A complete list of birds seen on the previous month's trips is given in checklist order as are interesting sightings reported by members.

D.F.O. COLORADO BIRD REPORT (303-973-7207)

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PROGRAM: "Birding Attu: Paradise Lost" - a slide show by Norman Erthal

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FEBRUARY 1992 FIELD TRIP SUMMARIES

FEBRUARY 1, Saturday (DUG)
Douglas County: Sedalia, Plum Creek, & Castlewood Canyon SP. Leader: Ben Moore. Observers: Bob, Nancy, & Jenny Bierling; Ruth Davis; Alan & Dee Hay; Tim Kuesel; Charlie Mayhood; David Pantle; Karleen Schofield; Mort Staatz; Bethany VanHeukelen; Jean VanLoan; Chuck Walters; Emilie & Ralph Wiersma. (Clear; Wind, NW 3 MPH; 45-60°F). 80 miles by car, 1 mile on foot. 6 hours birding. (16 species, 181 individuals)

FEBRUARY 2, Sunday (BCK)
Bear Creek: Plains to foothills. Leader: Cal Wichern. Observers: Mary Dexter, Joe & Norma Kamby, Norm Lewis, Alberta Nelson, Charlie Mayhood, Tim Maguire, Hugh Ravatt. (Mostly clear; light air; 45-55°F). 25 miles by car, 5 miles on foot. 7 hours birding. (34 species; 258 individuals)

FEBRUARY 8, Saturday (FDR)
Feeder trip: Littleton & Wolhurst area on plains; Deer Creek & South Turkey Creek in foothills. Leader: Robert Spencer. Coordinator: Ruth Wheeler. Observers: Mike & Rose Barber, Bob & Nancy Bierling, Gloria Blanchard, Glenn & Jeane Hageman, Alan Hay, Phil Hayes, Anne Hoskins, Hazel Kellogg, Myron & Suzi Plooster, Pauline Smith, Amy Young. (Partly cloudy; Wind,

W 0-10 MPH; 30-36°F). 55 miles by car, ½ mile on foot. 7 hours birding. (36 species, 624 individuals)

FEBRUARY 9, Sunday (CCR)
Cherry Creek Reservoir SP. Leader: Randy Lentz. Observers: Clint Jones, Jack Reddall, Joe TenBrink. (Clear; Wind, variable 0-7 MPH; 24-50°F). 29 miles by car, 4 miles on foot. 7½ hours birding. (32 species; 1,006 individuals)

FEBRUARY 15, Saturday (RMA)
Rocky Mountain Arsenal. Leaders: Ed Holub & Larry Malone. Observers: Cleta & Roy Abbott, Mike & Rose Barber, Ruth Breckon, Linda Holub, Hazel Kellogg, Dave LaLiberté, Karleen Schofield, Joyce Takamine, Jean VanLoan, Chuck Walters, Eleanor White. (Clear to mostly cloudy; Wind, E 0-5 MPH; 28-53°F). 47 miles by car, 1 mile on foot. 7 hours birding. (40 species; 1,480 individuals)

FEBRUARY 16, Sunday (BL,SP)
Barr Lake and South Platte River in Adams County. Leader: Jackie King. Observers: Fred & Jo Ducho, Patty Echelmeyer, Sue Nordstrom, Kim Potter, Carolyn Rust, Paul Scherner, Steven Snyder. (Partly to mostly cloudy; Wind, NW 5 MPH; 30-43°F). 65 miles by car, ½ mile on foot. 6½ hours birding. (49 species; 5,474 individuals)

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The Denver Field Ornithologists was organized as the Colorado Bird Club in 1935 and membership is open to anyone interested in the birds of the Denver area in particular and the birds of Colorado in general. The organization presents monthly evening programs (except in the summer) and conducts about 100 field trips annually.

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Trip summaries continued

FEBRUARY 22, Saturday (CHC)
Chicago Creek. Leader: Warren Finch.
Observers: Ursula Barsch, Don Beltz, Bill Brockner, Marina Graves, Clint Jones, Joe & Norma Kamby. (Partly cloudy; Wind, W 0-10 MPH; 35-40°F). 36 miles by car, 1 mile on foot. 7 hours birding. (14 species, 146 individuals)

FEBRUARY 23, Sunday (CHA)
Chatfield SP & McLellan Reservoir. Leader: Dick Schottler. Observers: Tim Kuesel, Duane Nelson, Myron & Suzi Plooster. (Partly cloudy to cloudy; Wind, N-NW 0-20 MPH; 38-45°F). 7 miles by car, 2 miles on foot. 4½ hours birding. (30 species, 352 individuals)

FEBRUARY 29, Saturday (FTC)
Fort Collins, Hamilton Reservoir & Wellington SWA. Leaders: John Barber & Ron Ryder. Observers: Irma Appelgren, Gloria Blanchard, Debbie Caudill, Mary Dexter, Ferd & Jo Dirckx, Marlene Eggerling, Mary & Tom France, Bob Goycoolea, Glenn & Jeane Hageman, Alan & Dee Hay, Phil Hayes, Nancy Hoke (Decio), Greg Johnson (Wyoming), Twyla Jorgenson, Hazel Kellogg, Jerry Ligon, Fern Maher, Larry Malone, Diana & Don Mullineaux, Alberta Nelson, Lee & Marilyn Rowe, Aaron Sell, Pauline Smith, Bob & Shirley Spencer, Susan Stalfort, Annette Steinbach, Joe TenBrink, Chuck Walters, Ruth Wheeler. (Clear; Wind, NW 2-6 MPH; 36-70°F). 71 miles by car, 1 mile on foot. 7½ hours birding. (57 species; 8,695 individuals)

INDEPENDENT TRIP

FEB 28. South-central Colorado: Denver to Walsenburg via I-25; Lathrop SP; I-25 to Colorado City; Crow Cut-off and Burnt Mill Rd. to Pueblo; Pueblo Reservoir; Pueblo Nature Center; along Arkansas River to Pueblo City Park & "Olive Marsh"; Runyon Lake SWA; I-25 to Colorado Springs SWA; return to Denver on I-25. Observer: Jack Reddall. (Clear; Wind, variable 0-15 MPH; 35-74°F). 366 miles by car, 6 miles on foot. 13 hours birding. (61 species; 2,821 individuals)

TUESDAY BIRDERS TRIPS
(Compiled by Monna Krebs)

FEB 4. Rocky Mountain Arsenal (RMA). Leaders: Ann Bonnell & Urling Kingery. 57 observers. (Clear to partly cloudy; W, E 5 MPH; 21-43°F). 3½ hrs birding. (21 species; 495 individuals)

FEB 11. South Platte River from Belleview to Mississippi (USP). Leader: Ann Bonnell. 28 observers. (Clear to partly cloudy; Wind, NE 0-5 MPH; 40-50°F). 7 mi by car, 2 mi on foot. 3½ hrs birding. (28 species; 722 individuals)

FEB 18. South Platte River from 78th Ave. to Adams Co. Fairgrounds (SPR). Leaders: Ann Bonnell & Jo Dirckx. 33 observers. (Clear; Wind, NW 12-20 MPH; 37-44°F). 3 mi by car, 2½ mi on foot. 3½ hrs birding. (34 species; 1,216 individuals)

FEB 25. Jeffco Nature Center at Lookout Mountain (JNC). Leader: Ann Bonnell. 25 observers. (Intermittent snow with ½ inch snow on ground; Wind, N 5-8 MPH; 30°F). ½ mi on foot. 1½ hrs birding. (16 species; 127 individuals)

FEBRUARY HIGHLIGHTS

A total of 86 avian species were recorded on nine scheduled DFO field trips in February. An independent trip recorded 13 species that were seen on no DFO trip. Of 56 species seen on four Tuesday Birders trips, one was not seen on either DFO trips nor the independent trip making a total of 100 species shown on Table 1 on pages 58-59. Another 36 different species are reported as "Additional...Reports" on pages 60-61. Yet another 7 species were reported on the Colorado Bird Report (page 61) making a grand total of 143 species reported for February in Colorado in this issue of the *Lark Bunting*. This compares to 143 species reported in January and to 123 species in February of 1991.

Sixteen birders accompanied Ben Moore to Douglas County (DUG) on a balmy day. Maybe the day was too balmy as the folks only spotted 16 species (none of them noteworthy) and 181 individual birds for six hours of effort.

Eight birders went with Cal Wichern to

Bear Creek (BCK) on another balmy day. Perhaps their most notable sighting was of 12 Common Snipe.

Bob Spencer had 16 followers on his regular February feeder trip (FDR) on a cool but dry day. The observers saw most of the usual winter foothills species including 18 Pygmy Nuthatches.

Only three people went with Randy Lentz to Cherry Creek SP (CCR) on a sunny Sunday. Their best sighting was of an adult Northern Goshawk. They also saw the year's first Mountain Bluebirds (3).

Ed Holub and Larry Malone took 13 folks around the Rocky Mountain Arsenal (RMA). Not surprisingly, the gang observed 11 Bald Eagles. Probably their best sighting was of 3 Long-eared Owls.

The eight people who went with Jackie King to Barr Lake and the South Platte River in Adams County (BL & SP) saw numerous ducks including 4 Canvasbacks. They also spotted a Merlin, a Prairie Falcon and an early Common Grackle.

Warren Finch and his seven followers to Chicago Creek (CHC) on a chilly day saw only 16 species and 146 individuals but 5 of the species seen were observed on no other trip. These were Wild Turkey, Clark's Nutcracker, Brown Thrasher, Rosy Finch (all three races) and Cassin's Finch.

Four folks went with Dick Schottler on a half-day trip to Chatfield State Park and McLellan Reservoir (CHA) on a cool day. Only 30 species were spotted. Chatfield, which is usually one of the better birding spots in the area has not been very productive all winter.

The big trip of the month both in terms of participants (36 besides leaders Ron Ryder and John Barber) and birds observed (57 species and nearly 9,000 individuals) was the one to the Fort Collins area (FTC) at the end of the month. Six species were seen that were seen on no other trip. Of special interest was the first Cinnamon Teal seen this year on a DFO trip (a sure sign of spring) and a couple of Oldsquaws.

TABLE 1: Birds Reported on February Field Trips

DATE AREA COVERED LIFE ZONES VISITED	Scheduled DFO Trips											Indep. 28 SCC P	Tuesday Birders			
	1 DUG PF	2 BCK PF	8 FDR P F		9 CCR P	15 RMA P	16 BL P	16 SP P	22 CHC F	23 CHA P	29 FTC P		4 RMA P	11 USP P	18 SPR P	25 JNC F
Pied-billed Grebe								4			6	2		1	4	
Horned Grebe											12					
Western Grebe											1					
Great Blue Heron		3	1			1				3	1	3		3		
Black-crowned Night-Heron														3a2i		
Canada Goose		60	100		245	470	2250	400		45	6000	190	160	261	140	
Wood Duck			2									75				
Green-winged Teal		6			64	8		45			8			23	92	
Mallard		25	92		122	95	260	50		28	250	100	1	63	17	
Northern Pintail		3				50	170	50		3	50	35			195	
Cinnamon Teal											1					
Northern Shoveler							350	340			35			50	300	
Gadwall		2	8			1	4	25		5	225	10		18	65	
American Wigeon							10			1	30	90		52	21	
Canvasback							4				1	3				
Redhead						1	10				20	180			8	
Ring-necked Duck			3			21		45			4	220	20		3	
Lesser Scaup							20	2			225	25				
Oldsquaw											2					
Common Goldeneye		2	6		3	2	110	45		16	45	50	4	7	42	
Bufflehead			1				2				60	10		1	1	
Hooded Merganser		3			1m					4				1f		
Common Merganser					22	2	8			5	2	40		1	20	
Ruddy Duck								2			50				3	
Bald Eagle					1a	11	1	2			1		10			
Northern Harrier							1				4	1m			1	
Sharp-shinned Hawk												1a				
Cooper's Hawk																
Northern Goshawk					1a											
Red-tailed Hawk	4							2					6		4	2
western races			2		4	4				5	1	14				
Ferruginous Hawk					2	4		3			1	1	7		7	
Rough-legged Hawk		1				3		4			3		4			
Golden Eagle					1	1		1			2N		1			
American Kestrel	1	2	2		1	1		7		2	3		4		1	
Martin								1				1				
Prairie Falcon								1								
Chukar						6										
Ring-necked Pheasant					3m	2	1m						2			
Wild Turkey									4							
Virginia Rail												1H				
American Coot						3		27			850	25	1	2	38	
Killdeer					1											
Common Snipe		12														
Ring-billed Gull		6	2		11	50		25		11	15	125		62	117	
Herring Gull					8							5			1	
Rock Dove	8	15	31	6	12	3	2	100		10	35	35	8	55	36	
Mourning Dove												1				
Greater Roadrunner												1				
Eastern Screech-Owl											1					
Great-horned Owl	1	1	2		1	2		1		1	3	3		1	1	
Long-eared Owl						3										
Belted Kingfisher		2	1							2		1m		3	1	
Williamson's Sapsucker												1m				
Downy Woodpecker		4	1f	1	3	2	1	1		1	3	4		1		
Hairy Woodpecker				3					2			1				1f

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TABLE 1: February Field Trips (continued)

DATE AREA COVERED LIFE ZONES VISITED	Scheduled DFO Trips											Indep. 28 SCC P	Tuesday Birders			
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Northern Flicker																
"Red-shafted" race		8	5		13	1		1		5	12	15	2	3	1	
Horned Lark	8	2			3	60		225		18	150	5	9			4
Steller's Jay				5					15							
Blue Jay			4								16					
Scrub Jay	4			20								4				
Clark's Nutcracker									6							
Black-billed Magpie	20	9	3		51	75	10	76		17	28	45	32	25	18	5
American Crow	40	6		2		2		6	8	6	14	4		2		8
Chihuahuan Raven												1				
Common Raven	4	1			1				8	4	2	11				
Black-capped Chickadee	4	8	8	26	14	20	3		2	12	10	6	3	1	2	8
Mountain Chickadee				56					15							24
Plain Titmouse												2				
Buehtit												3				
Red-breasted Nuthatch				9							4					5
White-breasted Nuthatch				5					1		1	3				4
Pygmy Nuthatch				18												28
Brown Creeper			1			3					19					
Bewick's Wren												4				
Marsh Wren												1				
American Dipper		1							1							
Mountain Bluebird					3m					2	8	4				
Townsend's Solitaire	1	1		3							1	25				
American Robin	30	2	7		55	7		3		23	18	1000		1		
Brown Thrasher									1							
Northern Shrike		1				1					1	1i	1		1	
Loggerhead Shrike												1				
European Starling	20	7	24		71	100		250		20	250	200	52	64	28	2
Yellow-rumped Warbler																
"Myrtle" race												1m				
Rufous-sided Towhee								1								
Canyon Towhee												2				
American Tree Sparrow		6			22	45		2	1	50		3				8
Song Sparrow		3			2	5	2			8		16		1		
White-crowned Sparrow								20								
Dark-eyed Junco								6			1		14			21
"White-winged" race																2
"Slate-colored" race	10	2	1	1		4		1			19					
"Oregon" race	2	2		2	10	55				30	4	7				
"Gray-headed" race	8			1							2					
Red-winged Blackbird	6	26			144	180	60	235		8	30	150	154		1	
Western Meadowlark						1		8			4	6				
Brewer's Blackbird											2				1	
Common Grackle								1								
Rosy Finch																
"Gray-crowned" race									75							
"Black" race									3							
"Brown-capped" race									1							
Cassin's Finch									3							
House Finch	10	17	63	6	111	110		30		7	36	15		7	7	2
Pine Siskin				20							12					2
American Goldfinch		6	1	1	1		5					2			2	1
House Sparrow		3	68			65	12	130			100	30		8	37	
TOTAL SPECIES	16	34	36		32	40		49	14	30	57	61	21	28	34	16
TOTAL INDIVIDUALS	181	258	624		1006	1480		5474	146	352	8695	2821	495	722	1216	127

Abbreviations used in Table 1: F = Foothills, H = Heard only, N = Nesting, P = Plains, a = adult, f = female, i = immature, m = male

ADDITIONAL FEBRUARY 1992 REPORTS

Instructions for submitting "Additional Reports"

1. Individual "Additional Reports" of interesting sightings made during the month are welcomed. However, the Editor reserves the right to publish only those reports that are deemed as unusual/rare or as augmenting the reports submitted by leaders of scheduled DFO field trips.
2. The reports should be submitted in Sixth A.O.U. Check-List (1983, 1985, 1987, & 1989) order and include the date(s) of observation, number of birds seen, sex and plumage if possible, and specific location (please do not fail to include the county of occurrence). Refer to the supplement of the *Lark Bunting*, Volume 24, Number 11 (August 1989), for instructions on preparing written documentation to support observations of extremely rare or accidental species as well as for those species that pose difficult field identification problems.
3. Deadline for receipt of all additional reports is the fifth of the following month. They should be sent to the Editor.

Eared Grebe 2/22 (2) Lake Cheraw, Otero Co. (BP,VT)
 Clark's Grebe 2/11 (1) Hamilton Reservoir, Larimer Co. (AH,GH)
Trumpeter Swan 2/19-21 (1i) C.F.&I. Lakes, Pueblo, Pueblo Co. (BP)F(BD,CS,DS,PS)
 Greater White-fronted Goose 2/15 (7a1i) Jumbo/Red Lion SWA, Logan Co. (JR,NL,TC)
 Snow Goose 2/15 (3000 "White" morph, 25 "Blue" morph) Jumbo/Red Lion SWA (JR,NL,TC)
 Ross' Goose 2/15 (2) Lake Meredith, Crowley Co. (BP,VT)
 Cinnamon Teal 2/22 (1m) Lake Cheraw (BP,VT)
 Greater Scaup 2/9 (1m) Valco Ponds, Pueblo (BP,PS)S; 2/19 (1m) South Platte River at E. 88th Ave., Adams Co. (JR)
 Oldsquaw 2/22 (2) Lake Cheraw (BP,VT)
 White-winged Scoter 2/11 (1) Hamilton Reservoir (AH,GH)
 Barrow's Goldeneye 2/2 (1m) Pueblo Reservoir, Pueblo Co. (BP,JoR); 2/8 (1m1f) South Platte River at 88th Ave. (JR,LV)
 Red-breasted Merganser 2/3 (2m) Cherry Creek Reservoir SP, Arapahoe Co. (JR); 2/4 (1m1f) Crown Hill Park, Wheeler Ridge, Jefferson Co. (PH)
 Bald Eagle 2/18 (7a5i) Cherry Creek Reservoir SP (JM,JT)
 Northern Bobwhite 2/15 (25) Tamarack Ranch SWA, Logan Co. (JR,NL,TC)
 Scaled Quail 2/1-29 (50) 835 Harmony Dr., Pueblo West, Pueblo Co. (BP)
 California Gull 2/2 (1) Pueblo Reservoir (BP,JoR)
 Thayer's Gull 2/9 (1 1st winter) Pueblo Reservoir (BP,PS); 2/15 (1 1st winter) Jumbo Reservoir SWA, Sedgwick Co. (JR,NL,TC)
Lesser Black-backed Gull 2/8-15 (1 2nd winter) C.F.&I. Lakes & Pueblo Reservoir (VT)F(BD,BP,DS,Dks,WF,mo); 2/8-16 (1 1st winter) C.F.&I. Lakes & Pueblo Reservoir (VT)F(BD,BP,PS,CS); 2/24 (1 2nd winter moving into 2nd summer) Cherry Creek Reservoir SP (JR)
 Glaucous Gull 2/15 (1 2nd winter) Jumbo Reservoir SWA (JR,NL,TC); 2/18 (1 1st winter) Jumbo Reservoir SWA (DM)
 Great Horned Owl 2/9 (1) At 9,650 ft. in Milligan Lakes Atlas Block, Park Co. (DB)
 Northern Pygmy Owl 2/12 (1) Mount Falcon Park, Jefferson Co. (JR,TC)
 Long-eared Owl 2/15 (1) Cemetery in Sterling, Logan Co. (JR,TC)
 Short-eared Owl 2/1 (1) Wellington SWA, Larimer Co. (JR); 2/11 (4) Wellington SWA (AH,GH)
 Northern Saw-whet Owl 2/1 (1H) East side of South Park, Park Co. (DB); 2/1-11 (1, died on 2/11) Pueblo (BP,mo); 2/20 (1) Castlewood Canyon SP, Douglas Co. (JR)
 Lewis' Woodpecker 2/15 (2) Between Fowler & Manzanola, Otero Co. (BP,mo)
 Red-bellied Woodpecker 2/9 (1m) Cañon City Riverwalk, Fremont Co. (BP)
Yellow-bellied Sapsucker 2/5 (1i) "Olive Marsh", Pueblo Co. (BP,CS,PS); 2/11 (1i) Jackpine Ct. & Juniper Ave., Boulder, Boulder Co. (AH,GH)
 Ladder-backed Woodpecker 2/10 (1f) Univ. of Southern Colorado, Pueblo (BD,JD)
 Pinyon Jay 2/9 (150) 518 A St., Penrose, Fremont Co. (BP,PS)
 Golden-crowned Kinglet 2/15 (2) Cemetery in Sterling (JR)
 Ruby-crowned Kinglet 2/15&22 (1) Rocky Ford SWA, Otero Co. (BP,mo)
 Eastern Bluebird 2/1 (7) "Olive Marsh" (BP)

Curve-billed Thrasher 2/2 (1) 835 Harmony Dr., Pueblo West (BP)
 American Pipit 2/9 (1) Cañon City Riverwalk (BP,PS)
 Cedar Waxwing 2/23 (15) 4400 Bowmar Dr., Bowmar, Arapahoe Co. (TJ)
 Cape May Warbler 2/22 (1) 3460 4th, Boulder (JT)
 Yellow-rumped Warbler 2/1-25 (1) 150 S. 36th, Boulder (HW)
 Fox Sparrow 2/8 (2s) 2112 Hercules Dr., Colorado Springs, El Paso Co. (BP)
 White-throated Sparrow 2/15&22 (2) Rocky Ford SWA (BP,VT,mo)
 Harris' Sparrow 2/15 (8) Rocky Ford SWA (BP,mo)
 Lapland Longspur 2/18 (100 with 1 in breeding plumage) 10 miles north of Byers,
 Adams Co. (JT)
 Rosy Finch (50 "Gray-crowned" race) Ward, Boulder Co. (AH)
 Pine Grosbeak 2/9 (1m4f) Milligan Lakes Atlas Block (DB)

 ABBREVIATIONS used above: F = rare-bird Form submitted, H = Heard only, S = Some details given, a = adult, f = female, i = immature

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COLORADO BIRD REPORT IN FEBRUARY

Scott Menough informs that 21 species were reported on the Colorado Bird Report in February. Of these, 7 were neither seen on trips nor reported above as additional reports. The 7 were: Three-toed Woodpecker, Say's Phoebe, Carolina Wren, Winter Wren, Northern Mockingbird, Swamp Sparrow and Rusty Blackbird.

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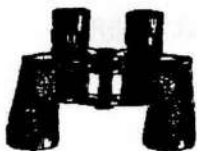
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APRIL DFO FIELD TRIPS

Call the Colorado Bird Report at 973-7207 before going on a field trip to determine if there have been any cancellations or changes in schedules.

TIPS FOR HELPING FIELD TRIP LEADERS

Carpool if possible so the leader will have few cars to keep track of and get parked at stops. (Carpooling also saves gasoline and reduces air pollution.

Stay reasonably close to the group whether in cars or on foot.

Do not leave the group without notifying the leader.

TRANSPORTATION COSTS ON FIELD TRIPS

Everyone is expected to share in the mileage expenses on scheduled DFO field trips. The suggested share is 10 cents per mile divided by the number of people in the car including the driver.

APR 4, Saturday. BARR LAKE STATE PARK*. Leaders: Glenn & Jeane Hageman (322-6589). Meet at 7:30 AM at east end of north parking lot of the Museum of Natural History in City Park. £

APR 5, Sunday. LOWER WHITE RANCH TRAIL AREA (north of Golden). Leader: Diana Mullineaux (278-7245). Meet at 8:00 AM at Prospect Park Lake south of W. 44th Ave. near Robb St. ö

APR 11, Saturday. ROCKY MOUNTAIN ARSENAL. Leader: Ed Holub (979-2194). Meet at 7:30 AM at west gate of the arsenal on Quebec St. at 72nd Ave. Space limited. Must register with leader. £

APR 12, Sunday. BEAR CREEK FROM PLAINS TO MOUNTAINS. Leader: Cal Wicher (692-3718). Meet at 7:30 AM east of the Pancake House in Bear Valley Shopping Center on east side of S. Sheridan just north of US-285 (Hampden). £

APR 18, Saturday. CHATFIELD STATE PARK*. Leader: Anne Southcott (979-1455).

Meet at 7:30 AM at the Park-&-Ride on the west side of S. Wadsworth just south of US-285 (Hampden). £

APR 19, Sunday. Easter. No trip scheduled.

APR 25, Saturday. LOWER LATHAM RESERVOIR & OTHER LAKES IN GREELEY AREA. Leader: Dick Pratt (788-0604). Meet at 7:00 AM at east end of north parking lot of the Museum of Natural History in City Park. £

APR 25 & 26, Saturday & Sunday. HAYDEN AREA FOR STRUTTING SHARP-TAILED AND SAGE GROUSE. Leaders: Kathy Hawkins of DFO (757-0809) & James Haskins of Colorado Division of Wildlife. On Saturday travel to the area via the Poudre River and North Park birding enroute. Spend the night in the Super 8 Motel (1-879-5230) on US-40 in Steamboat Springs. On Sunday drive to Hayden (20 miles) before sunrise to view grouse. Bird in the area until noon and return to Denver. Bring lunch for two days. Trip limited to 25. Call leader for more details and to reserve a place on the trip.

£ Bring lunch

ö Half-day trip. Lunch optional

* State Park pass required for vehicles

Ruth Wheeler (455-3924)
Ruth Breckon (455-0970)

Leader needed for Memorial Day Weekend
The field trip coordinators are considering a Memorial Day Weekend (May 23-25) trip to the Steamboat Lake and Pearl Lake areas north of Steamboat Springs and to the North Park area near Walden. A leader is needed. If interested apply to either of the Ruths listed above. Your help will be greatly appreciated by all.

DFO Membership Roster

The new membership roster of the DFO is attached. Most members may prefer to remove it and restaple it separately.

DENVER FIELD ORNITHOLOGISTS - Membership Information

WELCOME TO THE D.F.O.

PURPOSE: The prime objective of the club is to promote interest in the study and preservation of birds and their habitats. Members are encouraged to learn about birds in the field noting species and numbers and at the same time learning their songs and calls as well as habits and habitats.

REGULAR MEETINGS: The general meetings are held each month (except June, July, August and December) at 7:30 PM at the Denver Museum of Natural History. Dates and subjects of the meetings are reported on the Colorado Bird Report (973-7207) and in the club bulletin. The meetings are open to the public without charge.

FIELD TRIPS: These are scheduled for almost every Saturday and Sunday throughout the year to a variety of habitats near Denver. Occasionally special trips are arranged to good birding areas in other parts of Colorado. Usually it is necessary to bring a lunch and to wear sturdy hiking shoes or boots. Carpooling is encouraged to get the most from bird watching as well as to save time and energy. Carpooling cost is 10 cents per mile divided by the number of passengers including the driver.

BULLETIN: A monthly bulletin, *The Lark Bunting*, is issued listing field trips scheduled. A complete list of birds seen on the previous month's trips is given in checklist order as are interesting sightings reported by members.

D.F.O. COLORADO BIRD REPORT (303-973-7207)

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REGULAR MONTHLY MEETING ON THE FIRST WEDNESDAY, SEPTEMBER THROUGH MAY, EXCEPT
FOR DECEMBER, AT 7:30 PM, DENVER MUSEUM OF NATURAL HISTORY

NEXT MEETING WEDNESDAY, MAY 6, 1992 (in the VIP Room)

PROGRAM: "Migration: How Do They Find Their Way"

A talk by Dr. Robert Cohen, Professor of Biology at Metropolitan State College

***** COLORADO BIRD REPORT - 973-7207 *****

MARCH 1992 FIELD TRIP SUMMARIES

MARCH 1, Sunday (WGB)
Wheat Ridge Greenbelt, Coors Pond, and Mt. Olivet Cemetery. Leaders: Joe & Norma Kamby. Observers: Walt Bowles, Barbara Case, Jeff Cook, Ruth Davis, Jim Fischer, Clint Jones, Jeff Mahler, Lucy Pace, Chuck & Mary Purdy, Judy Simmons, Virgil Williams. (Overcast; Light air; 38-65°F). 8 miles by car, 2½ miles on foot. 5½ hours birding. (42 species; 960 individuals)

MARCH 7, Saturday (BDR)
Boulder area: Baseline Reservoir, Stearns Lake & Rock Creek Farm Open Space, Heron Rookery, Walden/Sawhill area, Valmont Reservoir, Sombrero Pond. Leaders: Myron & Suzi Plooster. Observers: Ferd & Jo Dirckx, Glenn & Jeane Hageman, Alan Hay, Phil Hayes, Dick Pratt, Jack Reddall, Chuck Walters. (Clear; Wind, variable 0-5 MPH; 45-55°F). 25 miles by car, 2 miles on foot. 6 hours birding. (50 species, 951 individuals)

MARCH 8, Sunday (BAR)
Barr Lake SP (southwest side). Leaders: Lee & Marilyn Rowe. Observers: Kathy Bollhoefer, Mort Staatz, Jack & Joan Whiting. (Cloudy; Wind, W 0-10 MPH; 38-50°F). 6 miles by car, 3½ miles on foot. 3½ hours

birding. (36 species; 1,205 individuals)

MARCH 14, Saturday (CCR)
Cherry Creek Reservoir SP. Leader: Mort Staatz. Observers: Don Beltz, Gloria Blanchard, Bill Burns, Craig Couture, Ruth Davis, Marlene Eggerling, Joe & Norma Kamby, Hazel Kellogg, David Lahbate, Hope Leighton, Brandon Percival, Jack Reddall, Joe Roller, Robert Spencer, Joe TenBrink, Van Truan, Art & Helen Wainwright. (Cloudy; Light air; 40-50°F). 6 miles by car, 1½ miles on foot. 4½ hours birding. (42 species; 738 individuals)

MARCH 15, Sunday (DAN)
Cherokee Ranch & Daniels Park. Leader: Ben Moore. Observers: Ursula Barsch, Hilda Eichenberger, Mary Dexter, Barbara Foster, Barbara Jenkins, Fern Maher, Tim Moore, Alberta Nelson, Aaron Sell, Annette Steinbach, Vito Tursi. (Clear; Wind, NW 0-5 MPH; 40-55°F). 80 miles by car, 1 mile on foot. 5½ hours birding. (21 species, 103 individuals)

MARCH 21, Saturday (SPR)
South Platte River Park & McLellan Reservoir. Leader: Ed Holub. Observers: Tim Kuesel, Eleanor White. (Cloudy; Wind, N 0-3 MPH; 29-35°F). 8 miles by car, 2 miles on foot. 5 hours birding. (37 species; 872 individuals)

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The Denver Field Ornithologists was organized as the Colorado Bird Club in 1935 and membership is open to anyone interested in the birds of the Denver area in particular and the birds of Colorado in general. The organization presents monthly evening programs (except in the summer) and conducts about 100 field trips annually.

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Members who fail to receive the *Lark Bunting* by the 25th of the month should contact the Editor (Tel. 425-5448) as he normally has extra copies. Those who fail to receive the *Lark Bunting* for two or more successive months should contact the Treasurer in writing.

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Trip summaries continued

MARCH 22, Sunday (PUE)
Pueblo area: Pueblo City Park, "Olive" Marsh, Valco Ponds, Pueblo Reservoir, Swallows Heron Rookery, Pueblo West. Leader: Brandon Percival. Observers: John & Mary Jane Black, Leon Bright, Marina Graves, Joe & Norma Kamby, Mike & Rhonda Ketchen, George McKinnon, Connie Percival, Clif Smith, Pearle Sandstrom-Smith, John & Mark Yaeger. (Cloudy with light AM snow; Wind W-SW 6-10 MPH; 29-41°F). 53 miles by car, 3 miles on foot. 8 hours birding. (60 species; 2,074 individuals)

MARCH 28, Saturday (ADM)
Adams County. Observer: Jackie King. (Constant rain; Wind, NW 3-10 MPH; 40-48°F). 58 miles by car. 3 hours birding. (29 species; 1,636 individuals)

MARCH 29, Sunday (CHA)
Chatfield SP. Leader: Phil Hayes. Observers: Linda Bessette, Patty Echelmeyer, Alan Hay, Clint Jones, Twyla Jorgenson, Joe & Norma Kamby, Diana Mullineaux, Alberta Nelson, Juliene Pimentel, Kim Potter, Jack Reddali, Aaron Sell, Anne Southcott, Chuck Walters, Virgil Williams. (Mostly clear; Wind, NW 3-10 MPH; 40-57°F). 16 miles by car, 4 miles on foot. 6½ hours birding. (36 species; 573 individuals)

TUESDAY BIRDERS TRIPS

(Compiled by Monna Krebs)

MAR 3. Cherry Creek Reservoir SP (CCR). Leader: Ann Bonnell. 30 observers. (Mostly cloudy; Wind, SE 8-18 MPH; 43-54°F). 1 mi on foot. 2½ hrs birding. (34 species; 555 individuals)

MAR 17. Chatfield SP (CHA). Leader: Ann Bonnell. 32 observers. (Mostly cloudy; Wind, NE 6-12 MPH; 41-48°F). 1 mi on foot. 3 hrs birding. (35 species; 445 individuals)

MAR 24. Chatfield Arboretum (ARB). Leader: Ann Bonnell. 28 observers. (Mostly cloudy; Wind, N 8-16 MPH; 48-55°F). 2 mi on foot. 3 hrs birding. (24 species; 331 individuals)

MAR 31. Wheat Ridge Greenbelt (WGB). Leader: Ann Bonnell. 31 observers. (Cloudy; Wind, NE 10-20 MPH; 38-48°F). 2 mi on foot. 2½ hrs birding (36 species; 476 individuals)

MARCH HIGHLIGHTS

A total of 91 avian species were recorded on nine scheduled DFO field trips in March. Of 57 species seen on four Tuesday Birders trips, 3 were not seen on any DFO trip making a total of 94 species that are shown on Table 1 (below). Duane Nelson spotted 13 species on the Hawk Watch (see Table 2 on page 67) of which 3 were not seen on any field trip. Another 35 different species are shown as "Additional...Reports" on page 68. The Colorado Bird Report had 6 more species not reported elsewhere making a total of 138 species reported for March in Colorado in this issue of the *Lark Bunting*. This compares to 143 species reported in February and to 151 species in March 1991.

Among the better sightings on the Kambys' Sunday trip to the Wheat Ridge Greenbelt (WGB) were a Greater Scaup, 8 Red-breasted Mergansers, 2 Ruddy Ducks, a Marsh Wren and 2 Ruby-crowned Kinglets.

The highlight of the Ploosters' trip to the Boulder area (BDR) was an excellent view of a Barrow's Goldeneye. Other good sightings were of the only Western Grebe of the month and another Greater Scaup.

Those on the Rowes' trip to Barr Lake State Park (BAR) viewed nesting Bald Eagles and spotted a Yellow-bellied Sapsucker.

The best bird seen on Mort Staatz trip to Cherry Creek Reservoir (CCR) was the

young Glaucous-winged Gull that was seen in the area all month (see page 68). The only Cooper's Hawk of the month's trips was also seen.

Only 21 species were seen on Ben Moore's trip to Cherokee Ranch and Daniels Park (DAN) but 4 of these, including Western Bluebird (17), were seen on no other trip. Mountain Bluebirds (15) were also seen.

Only two observers went with Ed Holub to South Platte River Park (SPR) on a cold and damp day. Their best sightings were of 25 Horned Grebes and 20 Wood Ducks.

Few people from the Denver area made it to Brandon Percival's Pueblo area (PUE) trip because of a snowstorm the night before. Not surprisingly, the trip came up with 11 species not seen on any other trip. Among those were Scaled Quail, Say's Phoebe, Golden-crowned Kinglet, Curve-billed Thrasher, Cedar Waxwing and Canyon Towhee.

Nobody showed up for Jackie King's trip to Adams County (ADM) on a morning marred by constant rain. Jackie went out herself for three hours and came up with 29 species.

Like most trips to Chatfield State Park (CHA) this year, Phil Hayes' trip came up with a low species count (36) compared to trips made there in previous years. The better sightings were of 3 Tree Swallows and 2 Marsh Wrens.

TABLE 1: Birds Reported on March Field Trips

DATE AREA COVERED LIFE ZONES VISITED	Scheduled DFO Trips									Tuesday Birders			
	1	7	8	14	15	21	22	28	29	3	17	24	31
	WGB P	BDR P	BAR P	CCR P	DAN PF	SPR P	PUE P	ADM P	CHA P	CCR P	CHA P	ARB P	WGB P
Pied-billed Grebe	1	1					8						
Horned Grebe	2	10				25			1		5		
Western Grebe		1											
Double-crested Cormorant		2					12	1	100		11		3
Great Blue Heron		5	7	1		6	72		70		57	4	
Canada Goose	152	40	59	125		120	17	25	20	88	39	18	50
Wood Duck						20	30		1m1f		7		
Green-winged Teal	21	25	2	85		30	106	25	10	36	30		
Mallard	150	25	25	60		110	64	85	20	15	22	22	50
Northern Pintail		35	22	30			2m1f						
Cinnamon Teal			3			3	1m1f						
Northern Shoveler	103	8	30	8		16	1m	80			25		32
Gadwall	59	30	12	10		25	17	60	15	7	7		14

Continued on page 68

TABLE 1: March Field Trips (continued)

DATE AREA COVERED LIFE ZONES VISITED	Scheduled DFO Trips									Tuesday Birders			
	1 WGB P	7 BDR P	8 BAR P	14 CCR P	15 DAN PF	21 SPR P	22 PUE P	28 ADM P	29 CHA P	3 CCR P	17 CHA P	24 ARB P	31 WGB P
American Wigeon	19	4	6	10		6	44	75	3	6	7		16C
Canvasback							8m4f						
Redhead	5	150	200	170		10	130			3	7		8
Ring-necked Duck	13	30	15	2		10		50		3	7		
Greater Scaup	1	1											
Lesser Scaup	12	20		15			100	250			12		25
Common Goldeneye	31	80		3					6m1f	9	11		14
Barrow's Goldeneye		1											
Bufflehead	3	20		3f		5	27	50				6	2
Hooded Merganser	2	15				10				1			3
Common Merganser	56	1	6	3		18			4m1f	2	17		10
Red-breasted Merganser	8			1									8
Ruddy Duck	2												
Bald Eagle		1i	3N	1i			4a1i						
Northern Harrier				3			1m1f			1			
Sharp-shinned Hawk													
Cooper's Hawk				1									
Red-tailed Hawk			2	5	1			1			2	4	
western races						1	7		3				
"light" phase		6											
"dark" phase		2								1			
Ferruginous Hawk		5		1				1		3		1	
Rough-legged Hawk		1	1									1	
Golden Eagle		1a1i		1i	1		1a						
American Kestrel		1	3	3	1	3	10	8	6	5	4	4	
Prairie Falcon										1			
Ring-necked Pheasant		3		2									
Scaled Quail							63						
Virginia Rail	1H			1H			2H		3H				
American Coot	5	20	6	4		35	22	25	1	2			4
Killdeer		3	2	1		10	9	1	5	1	2	9	
Ring-billed Gull	73	100	9	30		12	20	50	6	53	12		8
California Gull		7		40			1						
Herring Gull	1	2		20		1				2			
Glaucous-winged Gull				1i						1i			
Rock Dove	8	10	11	1	3	35	85	65	1		11	2	3
Mourning Dove							14						1
Barn Owl											2N		
Great-horned Owl		1N		2		1			2aN	1N	2N	3N	
Belted Kingfisher	1					7	3	1	3m		1		2
Yellow-bellied Sapsucker			1				1m						
Downy Woodpecker	1	4	2			1			1	1	3		2
eastern race							2						
Northern Flicker				4									
"Red-shafted" race	21	12	5		2	10	18	4	13	12	15	10	30
Say's Phoebe							6						
Horned Lark					4		9				2		
Tree Swallow									3				
Stellar's Jay					2								
Blue Jay	4	1				1		2					2
Scrub Jay					3								
Black-billed Magpie	29	12	9	6	5	45	115	60	20	40	21	18	32
American Crow	3	9		3	3		13	11	3	8	17	32	4
Common Raven		5			7		8		1				
Black-capped Chickadee	15	3	17	1		16	35		20	4	16	16	14
Mountain Chickadee							25						
White-breasted Nuthatch					2		1H						
Brown Creeper	4		1				6						1

TABLE 1: March Field Trips (continued)

DATE AREA COVERED LIFE ZONES VISITED	Scheduled DFO Trips									Tuesday Birders			
	1 WGB P	7 BDR P	8 BAR P	14 CCR P	15 DAN PF	21 SPR P	22 PUE P	28 ADM P	29 CHA P	3 CCR P	17 CHA P	24 ARB P	31 WGB P
Rock Wren							1H						
Bewick's Wren							3H						
Marsh Wren	1								2				
Golden-crowned Kinglet							1						
Ruby-crowned Kinglet	2												
Western Bluebird					17								
Mountain Bluebird					15		70		1m			12	
Townsend's Solitaire					1		4						
American Robin	8	12	4	30	5	12	80	30	75	49	4	15	22
Curve-billed Thrasher							2						
Cedar Waxwing							80						
Northern Shrike										1			
Loggerhead Shrike							3						
European Starling	34	100	21	10	15	200	160	560	65	55	25	61	35
Rufous-sided Towhee	1				2								1
Canyon Towhee							9						
American Tree Sparrow		5	2	8		1				4			
Song Sparrow	14	1	3	2		5	10		8	9	3	1	10
White-throated Sparrow													1
White-crowned Sparrow			3				11	30					6
Dark-eyed Junco			2							3		2	
"Slate-colored" race					3		7						
"Oregon" race	15				3		40		2				
Red-winged Blackbird	30	100	700	25		35	375	45	30	127	30	72	18
Western Meadowlark		5	8	6		5	20	11	45	1	7	10	
Common Grackle													1
House Finch	10	4			2	2	40	20			2	5	20
Pine Siskin					6								
American Goldfinch	19		1										3
House Sparrow	20	10	2			20	30	10				3	21
TOTAL SPECIES	42	50	36	42	21	37	60	29	36	34	35	24	36
TOTAL INDIVIDUALS	960	951	1205	738	103	872	2074	1636	573	555	445	331	476

Abbreviations used in Table 1: C = Copulating, F = Foothills, H = Heard only, N = Nesting, P = Plains, a = adult, f = female, i = immature, m = male

Table 2: Dinosaur Ridge (Dakota Hogback) Hawk Watch in March - Compiled by Duane Nelson

Species \ Date	1	2	3	5	6	7	8	10	11	12	13	14	15	16	17	18	19	20	22	23	24	25	26	27	28	29	30	31	Total
Turkey Vulture																							4		2	5			11
Osprey																													0
Bald Eagle			1		4		1	2		2	3				1	1	2	3	1						1	1			23
Northern Harrier		1													1	1													3
Sharp-shinned Hawk	1		1	1						1	1					3	1		1	1		1		1		1	6		19
Cooper's Hawk															1	2	1	2			1	1				6	3		17
Northern Goshawk																													0
Accipiter species																									3	2			5
Broad-winged Hawk																													0
Swainson's Hawk																													0
Red Tailed Hawk	1		5	1	7	1	7	4	15	26	11	28	12	12	21	12	15	30	72	12	83	41	25	12	1	56	7	1	518
Ferruginous Hawk	1				5	2	1	1	2		3	8	4	1	2	1	2	1	3	1		2	1			1			42
Rough-legged Hawk		1						1				1																	3
Buteo species																									2				2
Golden Eagle	1	1						1	1				1		1				1				1			2			10
American Kestrel		1										4	4	1	11			3			4	2	24	5	2	18	10	4	93
Merlin											1					2					1			1					5
Peregrine Falcon									1																	1			2
Prairie Falcon							1			1	1										1	1		1					6
Falco species										1																	1		2
Unidentified raptor													1		1			1	1		1		2	2		4	2		15
Raptors per day	3	1	9	3	13	7	9	7	20	29	17	44	25	14	37	17	24	39	82	15	90	48	52	26	4	94	40	5	776

ADDITIONAL MARCH 1992 REPORTS

Red-necked Grebe 3/25 (1i) Chatfield SP, Douglas Co. (PH)
Eared Grebe 3/19 (5) Union Reservoir, Adams Co. (JT)
Great Egret 3/29 (1) Walden Ponds, Boulder Co. (JT,JoK,SS)
Greater White-fronted Goose 3/19 (4) Gravel pits NW of Greeley, Weld Co. (JoR,mo)
Snow Goose 3/2 (11) Ireland Reservoir #5, Weld Co. (AS); 3/7 (375 including 3
 "Blue" morph) Jackson Reservoir, Morgan Co. (JK)
Brant 3/15-19 (1) Gravel pits NW of Greeley (JoR)
Garganey 3/29 (1m) Sombrero Pond, Boulder, Boulder Co. (JT,mo) 2nd State Record
Blue-winged Teal 3/18 (1m) Huerfano Reservoir, Pueblo Co. (BP,PS)
Eurasian Wigeon 3/29 (1m) Baseline Reservoir, Boulder (JT,mo)
Oldsquaw 3/7 (2m) Lake Cheraw, Otero Co. (BP,VT)
Wild Turkey 3/28 (6) Turkey Creek Ranch, El Paso Co. (BP)
Sandhill Crane 3/25 (10,000) Monte Vista NWR, Rio Grande Co. (BP,CS,PS)
Whooping Crane 3/25 (4) Monte Vista NWR (BP,CS,PS)
Lesser Yellowlegs 3/18 (1) Huerfano Reservoir (BP,PS)
Common Snipe 3/29 (2) Brush Hollow Reservoir, Fremont Co. (BP,MJ)
Franklin's Gull 3/22 (2) Walden Ponds (JT)
Lesser Black-backed Gull 3/1-7 (1 2nd winter) Cherry Creek Reservoir SP, Arapahoe
 Co. (JR)F(JoR)
Glaucous-winged Gull 3/1-31 (1 1st winter) Cherry Creek Reservoir SP (JoR)F(mo)
Short-eared Owl 3/21 (1) Picadilly Rd. at E. 128th Ave., Adams Co. (JR)
Lewis' Woodpecker 3/7 (1) Rocky Ford, Otero Co. (BP,VT)
Ladder-backed Woodpecker 3/5 (1m) Pueblo West, Pueblo Co. (BP)
Eastern Phoebe 3/31 (1) Castlewood Canyon SP, Douglas Co. (JR)
Tree Swallow 3/4 (1) Cherry Creek Reservoir SP (JoR)
Barn Swallow 3/28 (5) Colorado City, Pueblo Co. (BP,DS,SW)
Clark's Nutcracker 3/30 (2) Chicago Creek, Clear Creek Co. (MG)
Plain Titmouse 3/29 (1) Brush Hollow Reservoir (BP,MJ)
Bushtit 3/29 (3) Brush Hollow Reservoir (BP,MJ)
Red-breasted Nuthatch 3/27 (3) Colorado Springs, El Paso Co. (BP)
Winter Wren 3/26 (1) Wheat Ridge Greenbelt, Jefferson Co. (JK)
Northern Mockingbird 3/29 (1) Walden Ponds (JT,JoK,SS)
Sage Thrasher 3/25 (11) 3 mi. south of Ft. Garland, Costilla Co. (BP,CS,PS)
Yellow-rumped Warbler 3/8 (3) "Olive" Marsh, Pueblo, Pueblo Co. (BP,MJ,PS)
Sage Sparrow 3/10-11 (1) Chatfield SP, Jefferson Co. (JH)F
Savannah Sparrow 3/25 (2) Monte Vista NWR (BP,CS,PS)
White-throated Sparrow 3/1-31 (1) 14845 Foothill Rd., Golden, Jefferson Co. (CW)
Yellow-headed Blackbird 3/21 (3m) Barr Lake, Adams Co. (PH,AH)
Great-tailed Grackle 3/19 (1) Wellington SWA, Larimer Co. (JT)
Rosy Finch 3/30 (4) Chicago Creek (MG)
Cassin's Finch 3/30 (6) Chicago Creek (MG)

ABBREVIATIONS used above: F = rare-bird Form submitted, i = immature, m = male

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COLORADO BIRD REPORT IN MARCH

Scott Menough informs that 20 species were announced on the Colorado Bird Report in March. Six of these are not reported elsewhere in this issue. The 6 are: Ross' Goose, Red-bellied Woodpecker, Three-toed Woodpecker, Carolina Wren, Eastern Bluebird and Cape May Warbler.

WELCOME TO NEW MEMBERS

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CONTRIBUTIONS TO COLORADO BIRD REPORT

Thanks are extended to Donald Hillier for his recent contribution to the Colorado Bird Report.

CORRECTIONS TO MEMBERSHIP ROSTER

The following corrections should be made to the membership roster that was included with the March *Lark Bunting*:

DURFEE, Miss Bertha (Change phone number to 573-1422)
SEACREST, Betty & Ralph (Change Zip Code to 80304-3531)
SPENCER, Robert (Change Zip Code to 80103)
TURS, Vito (Change street number to 1721)
WICHERN, Calvin (Change Cir. to St. and change phone number to 693-3718)

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Club Purchases CB Radios

The DFO has recently purchased three CB radios with magnetic-mount car-roof antennas for use on field trips that involve much driving. Glenn Hageman will keep tabs on the location of the radios. Field trip leaders who wish to use them should call Glenn at 322-6589 long enough in advance of their trip to make arrangements for getting the radios.

Petition Carriers Needed

Great Outdoors Colorado is undertaking a petition drive to place a constitutional amendment on the Colorado general election ballot. The amendment would establish a trust fund by redistributing lottery funds from capital construction in parks to open-space and conservation programs. If interested in carrying petitions, contact David Dominick at 861-2150.

Study of Turkey Vulture Migration

Russell DeFusco is undertaking a research program sponsored by the U.S. Air Force to determine migration patterns of Turkey Vultures with the aim of reduc-

ing collisions between the vultures and aircraft. He is asking for volunteer observers to record sightings of Turkey Vultures between 9:00 AM and 4:00 PM on April 25 and 26. Persons interested in helping should contact Mr. DeFusco at 303-786-1211 on weekdays or at 719-531-0565 on weekends.

Steamboat Springs Field Trip

A field trip to the Steamboat Springs area that was originally planned for the Memorial Day weekend is now being planned for the Independence Day weekend.

New Field Trip Check-list

Attached to the back of this issue of the *Lark Bunting* is a sample of the revised field trip check-list that will be sent to all field trip leaders.

Persons who submit accounts of personal Colorado field trips to the editor for possible inclusion in the *Lark Bunting* should use this form or a reasonable facsimile of it. Personal field trips have a much better chance of being published if they were made by several DFO members.

APRIL DFO FIELD TRIPS

Call the Colorado Bird Report at 973-7207 before going on a field trip to determine if there have been any cancellations or changes in schedules.

MAY 2, Saturday. ROXBOROUGH SP*. Leader: Phil Hayes (425-5448). Meet at 7:30 AM at Park-&-Ride on west side of S. Wadsworth south of US-285 (Hampden). ö

MAY 3, Sunday. WHEAT RIDGE GREENBELT. Leader: Patty Echelmeyer (233-4947). Meet at 8:00 AM at Prospect Park Lake south of W. 44th Ave. near Robb St. ö

MAY 9&10, Saturday & Sunday. ANNUAL SPRING COUNT. Coordinator: Hugh Kingery (333-0161).

MAY 9, Saturday.

LOWER BEAR CREEK. Leader: Bob Spencer (279-4682). Meet at 6:30 AM east of Pancake House in Bear Valley Shopping Center.

WATERTON. Leader: Hugh Kingery (333-0161). Meet at 6:00 AM at Park-&-Ride on west side of S. Wadsworth south of US-285 (Hampden) or at the Waterton Bridge at 6:15 AM.

CHATFIELD STATE PARK*. Leaders: Randy Lentz (777-7101) & Phil Hayes (425-5448). Meet at 6:30 AM at west entrance of park (off CO-121).

MAY 10, Sunday.

CASTLEWOOD CANYON STATE PARK*. Leader: Randy Lentz (777-7101). Meet at 7:00 AM at north entrance of park. Up-and-down hiking all morning.

BARR LAKE SP*. Leader: Norm Erthal (424-6747). Meet at 6:30 AM at park entrance. A 10-mile all-day hike.

CHERRY CREEK RESERVOIR STATE PARK*. Leader: Patty Echelmeyer (233-4947). Meet at 7:00 AM at west gate of park east of Cherry Creek H.S.

ROCKY MOUNTAIN ARSENAL. Leader: Ur-ling Kingery (333-0161). Register with leader (number of observers limited).

MAY 16, Saturday. PAWNEE NATIONAL GRASSLANDS AND GREELEY AREA. Leader: Dick Pratt (788-0604). Meet at 7:00 AM at east end of north parking lot of Museum of Natural History in City Park. £

MAY 17, Sunday. WILLOW SPRINGS RANCH. Leaders: Dave & Ronda Woodward (697-9032). Meet at 7:00 AM east of Pancake House in Bear Valley Shopping Center on east side of S. Sheridan north of US-285 (Hampden). ö

MAY 23, Saturday. RIGLI RANCH. Leader: Joe Rigli (1-432-5200). Carpool at 6:30 AM at east end of north parking lot of Museum of Natural History in City Park or join group at 7:15 AM at Pepper Pod Restaurant in Hudson (turn right from exit ramp). Meet leader at ranch (from Hudson go east on Hwy 52 until it turns north and continue east on Morgan County Road F to County Road 14 and then north to first house on left by box cars). £

MAY 23&24, Saturday & Sunday. BONNY SP*. Leader: Bob Righter (692-8529). Meet at 8:00 AM on Saturday at Foster Grove Campground in park. If arriving on Friday, meet at 5:00 PM for birding and picnic dinner. Camp in park or stay in motel in Burlington or Idalia (1-364-7237 for Prairie Vista Motel in Idalia). Bring food for lunches in field.

MAY 30, Saturday. HIGHLINE CANAL, McLELLAN RESERVOIR, PLUM CREEK, LOUVIERS, AND DANIELS PARK. Leader: Lynn Willcockson. Meet at 7:30 AM south of Albertson's on NW corner of S. Broadway and County Line Rd. £

MAY 31, Sunday. CHATFIELD STATE PARK*. Leader: Mort Staatz (279-6169). Meet at 7:00 AM at Park-&-Ride on west side of S. Wadsworth just south of US-285 (Hampden) or at west gate of park at 7:15 AM. £

£ Bring lunch

ö Half-day trip. Lunch optional

* State Park pass required for vehicles

Submitted by:

Ruth Breckon (455-0970)
Ruth Wheeler (455-3924)

LOCALITY _____

DATE _____ TIME BIRDING (From) _____ (To) _____ ELEVATION _____

HABITATS _____

MILES COVERED (By Car) _____ (On Foot) _____ (Other) _____

WEATHER _____ TEMPERATURE _____ °F

WIND (Direction) _____ (Velocity) _____ MPH LEADER(S) _____

OBSERVERS _____

		TOTALS: SPECIES	INDIVIDUALS
LOONS	_____ Northern Harrier	_____ Western Sandpiper	
_____ Red-throated Loon	_____ Sharp-shinned Hawk	_____ Least Sandpiper	
_____ Pacific Loon	_____ Cooper's Hawk	_____ White-rumped Sandpiper	
_____ Common Loon	_____ Northern Goshawk	_____ Baird's Sandpiper	
GREBES	_____ Accipiter sp.	_____ Pectoral Sandpiper	
_____ Pied-billed Grebe	_____ Broad-winged Hawk	_____ Dunlin	
_____ Horned Grebe	_____ Swainson's Hawk	_____ Stilt Sandpiper	
_____ Eared Grebe	_____ Red-tailed Hawk	_____ Buff-breasted Sandpiper	
_____ Western Grebe	_____ western races	_____ Short-billed Dowitcher	
_____ Clark's Grebe	_____ "Harlan's" race	_____ Long-billed Dowitcher	
PELICANS	_____ "Kriger's" race	_____ Common Snipe	
_____ American White Pelican	_____ Ferruginous Hawk	_____ Wilson's Phalarope	
CORMORANTS	_____ Rough-legged Hawk	_____ Red-necked Phalarope	
_____ Double-crested Cormorant	_____ Buteo sp.	_____ Red Phalarope	
BITTERNS & HERONS	_____ Golden Eagle	SKUAS, GULLS, TERNS & SKIMMERS	
_____ American Bittern	CARACARAS & FALCONS	_____ Parasitic Jaeger	
_____ Least Bittern	_____ American Kestrel	_____ Franklin's Gull	
_____ Great Blue Heron	_____ Merlin	_____ Bonaparte's Gull	
_____ Great Egret	_____ Peregrine Falcon	_____ Ring-billed Gull	
_____ Snowy Egret	_____ Prairie Falcon	_____ California Gull	
_____ Little Blue Heron	_____ Falco sp.	_____ Herring Gull	
_____ Cattle Egret	PARTRIDGES, GROUSE, TURKEYS & QUAIL	_____ Thayer's Gull	
_____ Green-backed Heron	_____ Chukar	_____ Glaucous Gull	
_____ Black-crowned Night-Heron	_____ Ring-necked Pheasant	_____ Black-legged Kittiwake	
IBISES & SPOONBILLS	_____ Blue Grouse	_____ Sabine's Gull	
_____ White-faced Ibis	_____ White-tailed Ptarmigan	_____ Caspian Tern	
SWANS, GEESE & DUCKS	_____ Sage Grouse	_____ Common Tern	
_____ Tundra Swan	_____ Greater Prairie-Chicken	_____ Forster's Tern	
_____ Greater White-fronted Goose	_____ Lesser Prairie-Chicken	_____ Least Tern	
_____ Snow Goose	_____ Sharp-tailed Grouse	_____ Black Tern	
_____ "White" morph	_____ Wild Turkey	PIGEONS & DOVES	
_____ "Blue" morph	_____ Northern Bobwhite	_____ Rock Dove	
_____ Ross' Goose	_____ Scaled Quail	_____ Band-tailed Pigeon	
_____ Canada Goose	_____ Gambel's Quail	_____ Mourning Dove	
_____ Wood Duck	RAILS, GALLINULES & COOTS	CUCKOOS, ROADRUNNERS & ANIS	
_____ Green-winged Teal	_____ Virginia Rail	_____ Black-billed Cuckoo	
_____ Mallard	_____ Sora	_____ Yellow-billed Cuckoo	
_____ Northern Pintail	_____ American Coot	_____ Greater Roadrunner	
_____ Blue-winged Teal	CRANES	BARN OWLS	
_____ Cinnamon Teal	_____ Sandhill Crane	_____ Barn Owl	
_____ "Blue-winged" Teal sp.	PLOVERS & LAPWINGS	TYPICAL OWLS	
_____ Northern Shoveler	_____ Black-bellied Plover	_____ Flammulated Owl	
_____ Gadwall	_____ Lesser Golden-Plover	_____ Eastern Screech-Owl	
_____ American Wigeon	_____ Snowy Plover	_____ Western Screech-Owl	
_____ Canvasback	_____ Semipalmated Plover	_____ Great Horned Owl	
_____ Redhead	_____ Killdeer	_____ Snowy Owl	
_____ Ring-necked Duck	_____ Mountain Plover	_____ Northern Pygmy-Owl	
_____ Greater Scaup	STILTS & AVOCETS	_____ Burrowing Owl	
_____ Lesser Scaup	_____ Black-necked Stilt	_____ Long-eared Owl	
_____ Oldsquaw	_____ American Avocet	_____ Short-eared Owl	
_____ Surf Scoter	SANDPIPERS, PHALAROPEs & ALLIES	_____ Northern Saw-whet Owl	
_____ White-winged Scoter	_____ Greater Yellowlegs	GOATSUCKERS	
_____ Common Goldeneye	_____ Lesser Yellowlegs	_____ Common Nighthawk	
_____ Barrow's Goldeneye	_____ Solitary Sandpiper	_____ Common Poorwill	
_____ Bufflehead	_____ Willet	SWIFTS	
_____ Hooded Merganser	_____ Spotted Sandpiper	_____ Black Swift	
_____ Common Merganser	_____ Upland Sandpiper	_____ Chimney Swift	
_____ Red-breasted Merganser	_____ Whimbrel	_____ White-throated Swift	
_____ Ruddy Duck	_____ Long-billed Curlew	HUMMINGBIRDS	
AMERICAN VULTURES	_____ Hudsonian Godwit	_____ Black-chinned Hummingbird	
_____ Turkey Vulture	_____ Marbled Godwit	_____ Calliope Hummingbird	
KITES, EAGLES, HAWKS & ALLIES	_____ Ruddy Turnstone	_____ Broad-tailed Hummingbird	
_____ Osprey	_____ Red Knot	_____ Rufous Hummingbird	
_____ Mississippi Kite	_____ Sanderling	KINGFISHERS	
_____ Bald Eagle	_____ Semipalmated Sandpiper	_____ Belted Kingfisher	

WOODPECKERS & ALLIES

- ___ Lewis' Woodpecker
- ___ Red-headed Woodpecker
- ___ Red-bellied Woodpecker
- ___ Yellow-bellied Sapsucker
- ___ Red-naped Sapsucker
- ___ Williamson's Sapsucker
- ___ Ladder-backed Woodpecker
- ___ Downy Woodpecker
- ___ "Batchelder's" race
- ___ eastern races
- ___ Hairy Woodpecker
- ___ "Rocky Mountain" race
- ___ eastern races
- ___ Three-toed Woodpecker
- ___ Northern Flicker
- ___ "Yellow-shafted" race
- ___ "Red-shafted" race

TYRANT FLYCATCHERS

- ___ Olive-sided Flycatcher
- ___ Western Wood-Pewee
- ___ Willow Flycatcher
- ___ Least Flycatcher
- ___ Hammond's Flycatcher
- ___ Dusky Flycatcher
- ___ Gray Flycatcher
- ___ Cordilleran Flycatcher
- ___ Empidonax sp.
- ___ Eastern Phoebe
- ___ Say's Phoebe
- ___ Vermilion Flycatcher
- ___ Ash-throated Flycatcher
- ___ Great-crested Flycatcher
- ___ Cassin's Kingbird
- ___ Western Kingbird
- ___ Eastern Kingbird
- ___ Scissor-tailed Flycatcher

LARKS

- ___ Horned Lark

SWALLOWS

- ___ Purple Martin
- ___ Tree Swallow
- ___ Violet-green Swallow
- ___ North. Rough-winged Swallow
- ___ Bank Swallow
- ___ Cliff Swallow
- ___ Barn Swallow

JAYS, MAGPIES & CROWS

- ___ Gray Jay
- ___ Steller's Jay
- ___ Blue Jay
- ___ Scrub Jay
- ___ Pinyon Jay
- ___ Clark's Nutcracker
- ___ Black-billed Magpie
- ___ American Crow
- ___ Chihuahuan Raven
- ___ Common Raven

TITMICE

- ___ Black-capped Chickadee
- ___ Mountain Chickadee
- ___ Plain Titmouse

LONG-TAILED TITS & BUSHTITS

- ___ Bushtit

NUTHATCHES

- ___ Red-breasted Nuthatch
- ___ White-breasted Nuthatch
- ___ Pygmy Nuthatch

CREEPERS

- ___ Brown Creeper

WRENS

- ___ Rock Wren
- ___ Canyon Wren
- ___ Carolina Wren
- ___ Bewick's Wren
- ___ House Wren
- ___ Winter Wren
- ___ Marsh Wren

DIPPERS

- ___ American Dipper

MUSCICAPIDS

- ___ Golden-crowned Kinglet
- ___ Ruby-crowned Kinglet
- ___ Blue-gray Gnatcatcher
- ___ Eastern Bluebird
- ___ Western Bluebird
- ___ Mountain Bluebird
- ___ Townsend's Solitaire
- ___ Veery
- ___ Swainson's Thrush
- ___ Hermit Thrush
- ___ Wood Thrush
- ___ American Robin

MOCKINGBIRDS, THRASHERS & ALLIES

- ___ Gray Catbird
- ___ Northern Mockingbird
- ___ Sage Thrasher
- ___ Brown Thrasher
- ___ Curve-billed Thrasher

WAGTAILS & PIPITS

- ___ American Pipit

WAXWINGS

- ___ Bohemian Waxwing
- ___ Cedar Waxwing

SHRIKES

- ___ Northern Shrike
- ___ Loggerhead Shrike

STARLINGS

- ___ European Starling

VIREOS

- ___ Bell's Vireo
- ___ Gray Vireo
- ___ Solitary Vireo
- ___ "Plumbeous" race
- ___ "Cassin's" race
- ___ Warbling Vireo
- ___ Philadelphia Vireo
- ___ Red-eyed Vireo

EMBERIZIDS

- ___ Blue-winged Warbler
- ___ Golden-winged Warbler
- ___ Tennessee Warbler
- ___ Orange-crowned Warbler
- ___ Nashville Warbler
- ___ Virginia's Warbler
- ___ Northern Parula
- ___ Yellow Warbler
- ___ Chestnut-sided Warbler
- ___ Magnolia Warbler
- ___ Cape May Warbler
- ___ Black-throated Blue Warbler
- ___ Yellow-rumped Warbler
- ___ "Myrtle" race
- ___ "Audubon's" race
- ___ Black-throated Gray Warbler
- ___ Townsend's Warbler
- ___ Blk.-throated Green Warbler
- ___ Blackburnian Warbler
- ___ Grace's Warbler
- ___ Palm Warbler
- ___ Bay-breasted Warbler
- ___ Blackpoll Warbler
- ___ Black-and-white Warbler
- ___ American Redstart
- ___ Worm-eating Warbler
- ___ Ovenbird
- ___ Northern Waterthrush
- ___ Kentucky Warbler
- ___ MacGillivray's Warbler
- ___ Common Yellowthroat
- ___ Hooded Warbler
- ___ Wilson's Warbler
- ___ Yellow-breasted Chat
- ___ Summer Tanager
- ___ Scarlet Tanager
- ___ Western Tanager
- ___ Northern Cardinal
- ___ Rose-breasted Grosbeak
- ___ Black-headed Grosbeak
- ___ Blue Grosbeak

- ___ Lazuli Bunting
- ___ Indigo Bunting
- ___ Dickcissel
- ___ Green-tailed Towhee
- ___ Rufous-sided Towhee
- ___ Canyon Towhee
- ___ Cassin's Sparrow
- ___ Rufous-crowned Sparrow
- ___ American Tree Sparrow
- ___ Chipping Sparrow
- ___ Clay-colored Sparrow
- ___ Brewer's Sparrow
- ___ Field Sparrow
- ___ Vesper Sparrow
- ___ Lark Sparrow
- ___ Black-throated Sparrow
- ___ Sage Sparrow
- ___ Lark Bunting
- ___ Savannah Sparrow
- ___ Grasshopper Sparrow
- ___ Fox Sparrow
- ___ "Slate-colored" race
- ___ "Yukon" race
- ___ Song Sparrow
- ___ Lincoln's Sparrow
- ___ Swamp Sparrow
- ___ White-throated Sparrow
- ___ Golden-crowned Sparrow
- ___ White-crowned Sparrow
- ___ eastern races
- ___ "Gambel's" race
- ___ Harris' Sparrow
- ___ Dark-eyed Junco
- ___ "White-winged" race
- ___ "Slate-colored" race
- ___ "Oregon" race
- ___ "Pink-sided" race
- ___ "Gray-headed" race
- ___ McCown's Longspur
- ___ Lapland Longspur
- ___ Chestnut-collared Longspur
- ___ Snow Bunting
- ___ Bobolink
- ___ Red-winged Blackbird
- ___ Western Meadowlark
- ___ Yellow-headed Blackbird
- ___ Rusty Blackbird
- ___ Brewer's Blackbird
- ___ Great-tailed Grackle
- ___ Common Grackle
- ___ Brown-headed Cowbird
- ___ Orchard Oriole
- ___ Northern Oriole
- ___ "Baltimore" race
- ___ "Bullock's" race

FRINGILLINE & CARDUELINE FINCHES

- ___ Rosy Finch
- ___ "Gray-crowned" race
- ___ "Black" race
- ___ "Brown-capped" race
- ___ Pine Grosbeak
- ___ Cassin's Finch
- ___ House Finch
- ___ Red Crossbill
- ___ Common Redpoll
- ___ Pine Siskin
- ___ Lesser Goldfinch
- ___ "Green-backed" race
- ___ "Black-backed" race
- ___ American Goldfinch
- ___ Evening Grosbeak

OLD WORLD SPARROWS

- ___ House Sparrow

RARE AND ACCIDENTAL SPECIES

DENVER FIELD ORNITHOLOGISTS - Membership Information

WELCOME TO THE D.F.O.

PURPOSE: The prime objective of the club is to promote interest in the study and preservation of birds and their habitats. Members are encouraged to learn about birds in the field noting species and numbers and at the same time learning their songs and calls as well as habits and habitats.

REGULAR MEETINGS: The general meetings are held each month (except June, July, August and December) at 7:30 PM at the Denver Museum of Natural History. Dates and subjects of the meetings are reported on the Colorado Bird Report (973-7207) and in the club bulletin. The meetings are open to the public without charge.

FIELD TRIPS: These are scheduled for almost every Saturday and Sunday throughout the year to a variety of habitats near Denver. Occasionally special trips are arranged to good birding areas in other parts of Colorado. Usually it is necessary to bring a lunch and to wear sturdy hiking shoes or boots. Carpooling is encouraged to get the most from bird watching as well as to save time and energy. Carpooling cost is 10 cents per mile divided by the number of passengers including the driver.

BULLETIN: A monthly bulletin, *The Lark Bunting*, is issued listing field trips scheduled. A complete list of birds seen on the previous month's trips is given in checklist order as are interesting sightings reported by members.

D.F.O. COLORADO BIRD REPORT (303-973-7207)

MEMBERSHIP APPLICATION

_____ Regular Family Membership - \$10 (valid for next year if paid after Oct.1)

_____ Senior Citizen Membership (Age 65 or older) - \$8

_____ Student Membership (Age 18 or younger) - \$5

_____ Contribution to the Colorado Bird Report

Name _____

Address _____

City _____ State _____ Zip _____ Telephone _____

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NEXT MEETING WEDNESDAY, SEPTEMBER 2, 1992

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APRIL 1992 FIELD TRIP SUMMARIES

APRIL 4, Saturday (BAR)
Barr Lake State Park: Denver to park via I-76 and return to Denver via Tower Road. Leaders: Glenn & Jeane Hageman. Observers: Ursula Barsch, Bob & Nancy Bierling, Gloria Blanchard, Bob Brown, Marlene Eggerling, Janice Hoffman, Ed Holub, Irv Jackson, Joe & Norma Kamby, Hazel Kellogg, Ron Lestina, Pat McClearn, Caroly Murray, Ira Sanders, Tim Schowalter, Leslie & Martha Ann Sylvester, Chuck Walters, Virgil Williams, Amy Young, Martha Zoetewey. (Clear; Calm; 50-73°F). 15 miles by car, 4½ miles on foot. 6½ hours birding. (57 species; 1,616 individuals)

APRIL 5, Sunday (LWR)
Prospect Lake, Mount Olivet lake, Lower White Ranch, Golden, Hawk Watch on Dakota Hogback. Leaders: Diana & Don Mullineaux. Observers: Phyllis Baldwin, Barbara Boland, Merlynn Brown, Tom Casadevall, Marilyn Clark, Mary Dexter, Bob Fleming, Phil Hayes, Fern Maher, Carley Warren. (Clear to cloudy with brief rain; Wind, S 0-3 MPH; 65-70°F). 20 miles by car, 3 miles on foot. 6 hours birding. (39 species; 251 individuals)

APRIL 11, Saturday (RMA)
Rocky Mountain Arsenal. Leaders: Ed Holub & Larry Malone. Observers: Ethel & Ken Barr, Marlene Eggerling, Linda Holub, Clint Jones, Kent & Liz Kreider, Myron &

Suzi Plooster, Dave Rhoades, Tim Schowalter, Emilie & Ralph Wiersma. (Partly cloudy to mostly cloudy; Wind, S 0-3 MPH; 44-66°F). 45 miles by car, ½ mile on foot. 7½ hours birding. (54 species; 1,248 individuals)

APRIL 12, Sunday (BCK)
Bear Creek: Plains to foothills. Leader: Cal Wichern. Observers: Wendell Argabrite (WV), Pearl Jordan, Phil Hayes, Ron Lestina, Jeff Mahler, Ann Southcott. (Mostly cloudy changing to mostly clear; Wind, 8-12 MPH; 35-70°F). 37 miles by car, 4 miles on foot. 8 hours birding. (55 species; 302 individuals)

APRIL 18, Saturday (CHA)
Chatfield State Park. Leader: Anne Southcott. Observers: Kitty Albee, Wendell Argabrite (WV), Warren Finch, Deana Hruby, Pearl Jordan, Virgil Williams, Amy Young. (Cloudy to clear; Wind, 15-30 MPH; 46-55°F). 28 miles by car, 1½ miles on foot; 6½ hours birding. (49 species; 354 individuals)

APRIL 25, Saturday (GRL)
North-central Colorado: Barr Lake to Greeley, Lower Latham Reservoir and Windsor Lakes. Leader: Dick Pratt. Observers: Mike & Rose Barber, Betty & Stan Harwood, Joe & Norma Kamby, Helen Hassemer, Aaron Sell, Helen Williams, Amy Young. (Clear; Wind, variable 0-10 MPH;

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Trip summaries continued

45-60°F). 250 miles by car. 10½ hours birding. (51 species; 4,423 individuals)

APRIL 25-26, Saturday & Sunday (SBS)
Denver to Fort Collins, Cameron Pass, Walden Lake, Arapaho NWR, Rabbit Ears Pass, Hayden, Steamboat Springs, Lake Catamount, Blue River, I-70 to Denver. Leader: Kathy Hawkins. Observers: Ursula Barsch, Shirley Blackburn, Ted Cooper, Dee Degner (FL), Amy Dunkelman, Juv & Robert Fleming, Myriam Friggens, Glenn & Jeane Hageman, Jim Haskins, Phil Hayes, Maxine Litzo, Jean Maguire, Jeff Mahler, Bob & Judy Miller, Diana & Don Mullineaux, Kim Potter, Jack Reddall, Syl Sather, Neale Smith (VA), Joe TenBrink, Jerry Weinberger (VA). (Clear to partly cloudy; Wind, W 0-15 MPH; 28-71°F). 498 miles by car, 3 miles on foot. 23 hours birding. (101 species; 19,453 individuals)

INDEPENDENT TRIP

Apr 28. North-central Colorado: Denver to Pawnee National Grasslands; Weld County farm ponds; Lower Latham, Ireland and Prospect Reservoirs; Barr Lake SP & Cherry Creek Reservoir SRA (NCC). Observer: Jack Reddall. (Clear; Wind, NW 5-25 MPH; 55-84°F). 270 mi by car, 4 mi on foot. 12½ hours birding. (97 species, 6666 individuals)

TUESDAY BIRDERS TRIPS

(Compiled by Monna Krebs)

Apr 7. Dinosaur Ridge Hawk Watch & Matthews/Winters Park (DIN). Leaders: Ann Bonnell & Duane Nelson. 33 observers. (Clear; Wind, E 5-10 MPH; 41-47°F). ½ mi on foot. 2½ hrs birding. (18 species, 88 individuals)

Apr 14. Waterton Canyon (WAT). Leader: Else VanErp. 30 observers. (Mostly cloudy; Wind, N 7-14 MPH; 64-72°F). 5 mi on foot. 3 hrs birding (24 species, 92 individuals)

Apr 21-22. Grouse trip: El Rancho to Berthoud Pass, North Park, Cameron Pass, & Denver (NPK). Leader: Ann Bonnell. 36 observers. (Clear to mostly cloudy; Wind, N 10-30 MPH; 41-61°F). 330 mi by car, 15 hrs birding. (77 species, 2235 individuals)

Apr 28. Barr Lake SP & Buckley Road (BAR). Leader: Ann Bonnell. 33 observers. (Clear; Wind, N 8-16 MPH; 65-75°F). 3 mi on foot. 3½ hrs birding. (52 species, 1165 individuals)

APRIL HIGHLIGHTS

A total of 142 avian species were reported on seven scheduled DFO field trips in April. An independent trip reported 15 species that were seen on no DFO trip and the Tuesday Birders had yet another 5 different species making a total of 162 species that are shown on Table 1 (pages 76-78). The Colorado Bird Observatory's Hawk Watch (Table 2 on page 79) had 4 species that were seen on no trip. Another 58 different species are reported under "Additional...Reports" (pages 79-80) and the Colorado Bird Report (page 80) had 3 species that were not reported otherwise. That makes 227 species reported for Colorado in May in this issue of the *Lark Bunting*. That compares to 138 species in March and to 209 species in May 1991.

Glenn and Jeane Hageman escorted 23 observers on their trip to Barr Lake State Park (BAR) on a balmy Saturday. The highlight of that trip was the observation of a EURASIAN WIGEON. Red-breasted Mergansers (6) were also seen.

Don and Diana Mullineaux had 10 followers on their Sunday trip to areas in and near Golden (LWR). Species seen on that trip that were seen on no other in the month included Hooded Merganser (2) and Ruby-crowned Kinglet (2).

Ed Holub and Larry Malone had 13 observers with them at the Rocky Mountain Arsenal (RMA). All present had a good look at a WHITE-WINGED DOVE both at rest and in flight. The 2 Chukars seen probably should be considered escapes.

Cal Wichern and six others had a good day on the Bear Creek trip (BCK). Seen by only three of those present were 2 Northern Goshawks and a Blue Grouse. All present saw the only Pygmy Nuthatches (2) and Western Bluebirds (4) of the month.

Ann Southcott and seven followers to Chatfield State Park (CHA) observed 5 species of swallow including Bank Swallow. They saw the first Swainson's Hawks of the year's trips and had both races of Yellow-rumped Warbler.

Dick Pratt and ten others who visited the Greeley area (GRL) had many species seen on no other DFO trip. Their best sightings were of 350 American White Pelicans, Snowy Egret, Cattle Egret, 105 White-faced Ibis, a Peregrine Falcon, the year's first House Wrens, and 10 Great-tailed Grackles.

Kathy Hawkins led 25 folks on the weekend trip to North Park and the Steamboat Springs-Hayden area (SBS). Of the 101 species tallied, many were recorded on no other trip. The highlights of the trip had to be the protracted viewing of a perched Peregrine Falcon, observation of a Canada Goose nesting in an old hawk or crow nest 40 feet up in a cottonwood tree, a Red-tailed Hawk carrying a snake, strutting Sage Grouse, and a close view of 50 strutting Sharp-tailed Grouse.

Of the fifteen species seen on Jack Reddall's independent trip, the most interesting were a Whimbrel at Lower Latham Reservoir and a Yellow-throated Vireo at Barr Lake.

The Tuesday Birders recorded a total of 93 species on their four trips. Of the 5 species tallied that were recorded on no other trip, the "best" would have to be 2 Boreal Owls (probably at Cameron Pass) though they were only heard.

The 4 species seen on the Dakota Hogback Hawk Watch manned by Duane Nelson were Red-shouldered Hawk (2), Broad-winged Hawk (19), Rough-legged Hawk (1), and Merlin (6). Many DFO members spent time there during the month.

More than 150 reports on nearly 120 species were submitted for inclusion as additional reports for April. About 70 of the reports are published on pages 79-80 including all species that were not recorded on trips even if they were not unusual sightings where and when observed. A questionnaire on page 85 asks whether the membership would like the "Additional Reports" section to be restricted to rare or unusual sightings or if they would like it to include any species not reported elsewhere in that issue.

TABLE 1: Birds Reported on April Field Trips

DATE AREA COVERED LIFE ZONES VISITED	Scheduled DFO Trips							Ind. Trip	Tuesday Birders			
	4 BAR P	5 LWR PF	11 RMA P	12 BCK PF	18 CHA P	25 GRL P	25&26 SBS PFMV		7 DIN F	14 WAT F	21&22 NPK PFMV	28 BAR P
Pied-billed Grebe	3		2			8	2	3				
Horned Grebe	8	3		3		2						
Eared Grebe		1		3			30	3			12	5
Western Grebe				6	12	170	56	50			30	10
Clark's Grebe								3				
American White Pelican	1			16		350	4	75			18	12
Double-crested Cormorant	228		6	2	67	20	15	30		1	1	190
Great Blue Heron	56		5	2	6	30	5	3		1	1	6
Snowy Egret						4						
Cattle Egret						1		1				
Black-crowned Night-Heron	1					2						
White-faced Ibis						105		2			13	
Snow Goose											1	1
Canada Goose	12	12	85	24	6	30	75a3i	50			188	17
Wood Duck			1		2							
Green-winged Teal	17	1	75	2	3	12	350	100			17	
Mallard	26	25	30	14	12	26	2580	450		9	24	12
Northern Pintail	11		1			8	90	50			37	1
Blue-winged Teal	2		10	5		12	100	160		1m1f	4	17
Cinnamon Teal	8		12			36	125	130			25	1m1f
Northern Shoveler	66	20	20		6	845	3000	550			47	4
Gadwall	51	1	16	3	3	20	2000	300			23	2
Eurasian Wigeon	1											
American Wigeon	330	4	1		5	60	800	120			59	1
Canvasback						3	10	1m1f				
Redhead	6	7	21		3	12	35	25			69	8
Ring-necked Duck	5	3	40		4		1m1f				7	
Lesser Scaup	237	23	40	6		38	3525	90			415	3
Common Goldeneye	22	10		4							6	
Bufflehead	23	14	8	30	3	8	100	15			3	
Hooded Merganser		2										
Common Merganser	12		3		3	5	25			9	20	
Red-breasted Merganser	4m2f	4										
Ruddy Duck	11	1	2			54	150	200			46	8
Turkey Vulture				2	8	1	7		3	2	2	
Osprey				1	4		2					
Bald Eagle	2a		1						2			2
Northern Harrier	6		1	1	2	2	1m	3			6	1
Sharp-shinned Hawk					1		1	1	2			
Cooper's Hawk			1	3		1			5	1N	1	
Northern Goshawk				2								
Swainson's Hawk					3	20	22	8			9	12
Red-tailed Hawk		1			2	5			9		5	
western races	2		6	4			17	1				
Ferruginous Hawk			4									
Golden Eagle		1		1			5a1i				4	
American Kestrel	8		9	4	5	20	34	8		2	14	2
Peregrine Falcon						1	3	1a				
Prairie Falcon		1				1	1				1	
Falco sp.				1								
Chukar			2									
Ring-necked Pheasant			4		1			4m2f				1m
Blue Grouse				1								
Sage Grouse							22				20	
Sharp-tailed Grouse							50					
Virginia Rail								1				
Sora								4				
American Coot	32	2	150	6	2	100	4100	125			243	13
Sandhill Crane							8					
Semipalmated Plover								2				

TABLE 1: April Field Trips (continued)

DATE AREA COVERED LIFE ZONES VISITED	Scheduled DFO Trips							Ind. Trip	Tuesday Birders			
	4 BAR P	5 LWR PF	11 RMA P	12 BCK PF	18 CHA P	25 GRL P	25&26 SBS PFMV		7 DIN F	14 WAT F	21&22 NPK PFMV	28 BAR P
Killdeer	7	3	7	7	4	20	18	20			20	2
Mountain Plover						1		5				
Black-necked Stilt						2		2				
American Avocet	2		2			220	55	150			26	
Greater Yellowlegs						2		6				
Lesser Yellowlegs						76	3	35				
Willet						8	18	1				
Spotted Sandpiper												1
Whimbrel								1				
Marbled Godwit						3	15	9				
Semipalmated Sandpiper						24		1				
Western Sandpiper								1				
Least Sandpiper								9				
Baird's Sandpiper								3				
sandpiper sp.						25						
Long-billed Dowitcher						7	1	45				
Common Snipe				8		1	12					
Wilson's Phalarope						3		55				
Franklin's Gull						10		30				5
Bonaparte's Gull							1i					
Ring-billed Gull	11	1	10		10	285		15		2	128	
California Gull	120					302	400	50			3	
Herring Gull	2i											
Forster's Tern						3		6				
Rock Dove	4	5	45	4	8	85	26	20	1		22	4
Band-tailed Pigeon							2				4	
White-winged Dove			1									
Mourning Dove	1		20	3	1	10	25	90			3	10
Western Screech-Owl							1H					
Great-horned Owl	1aii		3		1a2i		1N	2aN				
Burrowing Owl	1		14			10	1	3			1	6
Boreal Owl											2H	
White-throated Swift									27	8		
Broad-tailed Hummingbird							1H			1H		
Belted Kingfisher				4	2	6	10			4	1	
Red-naped Sapsucker							1				1	
Downy Woodpecker	8				2	1				1	4	2
"Batchelder's" race				2								
eastern races								3				
Hairy Woodpecker												
"Rocky Mountain" race				1								
Northern Flicker		5				2					8	
"Red-shafted" race	4		4	8	3		12	3	2	1		2
Say's Phoebe							6	3				
Western Kingbird							1					1
Horned Lark	2		22			20	50	250			18	12
Tree Swallow					15	2	240				10	6
Violet-green Swallow					12		1					
Northern Rough-winged Swallow					2		3					
Bank Swallow					1			3				
Cliff Swallow					7	6		5				
Barn Swallow			1		6	30	40	20			1	3
Gray Jay							3					
Steller's Jay				3			5				5	
Blue Jay						3	2	3				
Scrub Jay		1					2			3		
Clark's Nutcracker											2	
Black-billed Magpie	13	35	60	12	27	12	40	25	8	1	18	8
American Crow	1	5	1	4	1	8	55		6	7	86	
Common Raven		2		3	3		30		7		8	

TABLE 1: April Field Trips (continued)

DATE	Scheduled DFO Trips							Ind. Trip	Tuesday Birders			
	4 BAR P	5 LWR PF	11 RMA P	12 BCK PF	18 CHA P	25 GRL P	25&26 SBS PFMV		7 DIN F	14 WAT F	21&22 NPK PFMV	28 BAR P
Black-capped Chickadee	28	10	10		12	6		2	2	15	6	4
Mountain Chickadee				3			4		4		7	
White-breasted Nuthatch	1			3								
Pygmy Nuthatch				3								
Brown Creeper		2							2		1	
Canyon Wren							1H			4		
House Wren						2		20				4
Marsh Wren						12		30				
American Dipper							2			2	7	
Ruby-crowned Kinglet		2										
Blue-gray Gnatcatcher							2					
Western Bluebird				4								
Mountain Bluebird		2					20				14	
Townsend's Solitaire			1	3			4		1		1	1
American Robin	11	6	50	10	6	20	100	50			19	8
Sage Thrasher							4					
Brown Thrasher								1				1
American Pipit							2					
Cedar Waxwing							1					
Loggerhead Shrike				1		4	3	4				
European Starling	113	15	150	21	32	30	80	400		7	73	21
Yellow-throated Vireo								1				
Orange-crowned Warbler								3				
Yellow-rumped Warbler						1	3					
"Myrtle" race					2			15m1f				2
"Audubon's" race					2		2m	1m			4	3
Green-tailed Towhee							1H	1				
Rufous-sided Towhee		1		1			2	1		5		
Chipping Sparrow						20	2	8				
Brewer's Sparrow								15				
Vesper Sparrow			1				75	45			1	
Savannah Sparrow							1	1				
Song Sparrow	3	3		4	1	2	22	5		2	2	3
Lincoln's Sparrow								4				
White-crowned Sparrow	21		1									4
"Gambel's" race								25				
Dark-eyed Junco											135	
"Slate-colored" race	1											
"Oregon" race			2	2								
"Pink-sided" race			17									
"Gray-headed" race			1	1			4					
McCown's Longspur								20				
Chestnut-collared Longspur								10				
Red-winged Blackbird	48		110	6	12	500	200	1500			91	633
Western Meadowlark	4	7	30	14	15	50	140	300	2	2	16	9
Yellow-headed Blackbird	3		3			300	41	120			8	2
Brewer's Blackbird	1					30	40	35	3		2	13
Great-tailed Grackle						10		1m				
Common Grackle	3	5	11	5	1	130	120	380			11	54
Brown-headed Cowbird						1	10	15				3
Cassin's Finch				2			5				20	
House Finch	1	5	35	8		6	45	2	2		1	
Pine Siskin							25				50	
American Goldfinch				4	1		3H	4			1	
Evening Grosbeak							2				15	
House Sparrow	11		80	2		100	50	200			8	8
TOTAL SPECIES	57	39	54	55	49	81	101	97	18	24	77	52
TOTAL INDIVIDUALS	1616	251	1248	302	354	4423	19453	6666	88	92	2235	1165

Abbreviations used in Table 1: F = Foothills, H = Heard only, M = Mountains, N = Nesting, P = Plains, V = montane Valleys,

a = adult, f = female, i = immature, m = male

Table 2: Dinosaur Ridge (Dakota Hogback) Hawk Watch in April - Compiled by Duane Nelson

Sp./Date	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11	12	13	14	15	16	17	18	19	20	21	22	23	24	25	26	27	28	29	30	Total
TV	2	7	4		20	23	15	14	18	51	40	6	37	16	21		33	26	3	17	11	36	8	18	21	14	9	6	7	14	497
OS			1		1				1	3	1	3	2		2	1	10	1	2	3	5	7	1	2	1	2			1		50
BE		1	1				2		1	1	1																				7
NH	3	1	1	1		3	4		3	2	2	1			3	1	5	1		1		1	1	2	3			1	1		41
SS			4	1	3	1	4	2	17	1	7	7	5	4	7	6	37	1	4	8	5	25	6	10	15	27	14	7	11	8	247
CH	6	1	8	2	7	17	9	13	41	21	39	39	19	1	20	4	63	12	5	4	13	13	2	15	2	11	2	1	2	1	393
UA			2		1	6		3	5		5	5	3		5		8		1	3	3		3	1	7		2				63
RS															1						1										2
BW																	4		1		2	1		2		8	1				18
SW								1	1						2		5	1		2	4		8	5	1	1		5	2		36
RT	24	11	11	5	7	20	12	7	10	12	15	19	5	2	8		37	9	6	3	14	4	5	11	4	16	5	5	8	2	297
FH	1	2			1	1	1		1		1	2			1		2			1	1		1	1							17
RL																	1														1
UB																						1	2		1	1			2		7
GE	1							1	1			2										2				1		3			11
AK	3	7	12	49	28	36	22	9	28	6	30	5	36	9	92	3	29	18	8	3	45	12	8	25	11	8	4	6	2	2	556
ME			1					1	1			1								1							1				6
PF									1				1	1		2	2		1	1		1		1							11
PR			1		1					1	1	1			1									1					1		8
UF						1	1										1														3
UR	2		5	3	4	3		1	2	8	5	4	1		1		5	7				4		7	2	2			1	2	69
Daily total	42	30	51	61	73	111	70	52	131	106	147	93	111	33	164	17	242	76	30	43	104	108	40	105	62	100	37	33	38	33	2343

Species abbreviations used in Table 2: TV = Turkey Vulture, OS = Osprey, BE = Bald Eagle, NH = Northern Harrier, SS = Sharp-shinned Hawk, CH = Cooper's Hawk, UA = Unidentified Accipiter, RS = Red-shouldered Hawk, BW = Broad-winged Hawk, SW = Swainson's Hawk, RT = Red-tailed Hawk, FH = Ferruginous Hawk, RL = Rough-legged Hawk, UB = Unidentified Buteo, GE = Golden Eagle, AK = American Kestrel, ME = Merlin, PF = Peregrine Falcon, PR = Prairie Falcon, UF = Unidentified Falcon, UR = Unidentified Raptor

ADDITIONAL APRIL 1992 REPORTS

Common Loon 4/28-30 (2) Marston Reservoir, Denver, Denver Co. (TJ)
 Great Egret 4/4 (1) Boulder Valley Farms, Boulder Co. (RS)
 Little Blue Heron 4/15 (1) Golden Ponds, Longmont, Boulder Co. (HK, JT, RS, mo)
 Snow Goose 4/2 (500 "White" morph) Jumbo Reservoir, Logan Co. (KS)
 Ross' Goose 4/11 (2a) Jackson Reservoir, Morgan Co. (JR)
 Eurasian Wigeon 4/8 (1m) Cherry Creek Reservoir SRA, Arapahoe Co. (JM)S
 Osprey 4/16 (1) Morrison Rd. near Kipling, Jefferson Co. (MS)
 White-tailed Ptarmigan 4/28 (4H) Pikes Peak, Teller Co. (DB)F
 Greater Prairie-Chicken 4/11 (44) Near Wray, Yuma Co. (BS, KS, mo)
 Wild Turkey 4/8 (1mH) Castlewood Canyon State Park, Douglas Co. (JR)
 Northern Bobwhite 4/11 (2) Frenchman Creek SWA, Phillips Co. (KS)
 Scaled Quail 4/1-4/30 (20) 835 Harmony Dr., Pueblo West, Pueblo Co. (BP)
 Snowy Plover 4/12 (5) Lake Cheraw, Otero Co. (BP, MJ)
 Piping Plover 4/26 (2) NeeNoshe Reservoir, Kiowa Co. (DB)F
 Solitary Sandpiper 4/25 (1) Lake Henry, Crowley Co. (BP, MJ, RS)
 Long-billed Curlew 4/12 (1) Lake Holbrook, Otero Co. (BP, MJ)
 Sanderling 4/25 (6) Lake Cheraw (BP, MJ, RS)
 Short-billed Dowitcher 4/25 (1 "Henderson" race) Lake Cheraw (BP, MJ, RS)
 Red-necked Phalarope 4/18 (1m) Pueblo Reservoir Fish Hatchery, Pueblo Co. (BP, CS, PS)
 Band-tailed Pigeon 4/18 (8) Empire, Clear Creek Co. (DP)
 Greater Roadrunner 4/26 (1) Two Buttes Dam, Baca Co. (DB)
 Barn Owl 4/6 (1) Bonny Reservoir SRA (KS)
 Long-eared Owl 4/6 (1aN) South Republican SWA, Yuma Co. (KS)
 Short-eared Owl 4/6 (1) Bonny Reservoir SRA (KS)
 Northern Saw-whet Owl 4/28 (2H) Pikes Peak, Teller & El Paso Cos. (DB)F
 Lewis' Woodpecker 4/3 (1) Rocky Ford, Otero Co. (BP, CS, PS)
 Red-bellied Woodpecker 4/12 (1m) Near Briggsdale, Weld Co. (KS, NE)
 Three-toed Woodpecker 4/21 (1if) Wet Mountains, Huerfano Co. (DB)
 Western Wood-Pewee 4/11 (1) 144th Ave., Adams Co. (JT)

Eastern Phoebe 4/8 (1) Castlewood Canyon State Park (JR,TC)
 Ash-throated Flycatcher 4/24 (2) Cottonwood Canyon, Las Animas Co. (DB)
 Western Kingbird 4/2 (1) Castle Rock, Douglas Co. (MG)
 Eastern Kingbird 4/29 (1) Lamar, Prowers Co. (VT)
 Plain Titmouse 4/26 (2) Temple Canyon Park, Fremont Co. (BP,VT)
 Bushtit 4/26 (1) Temple Canyon Park (BP)
 Red-breasted Nuthatch 4/4 (2) City Park, Pueblo, Pueblo Co. (BP,MJ)
 Rock Wren 4/12 (1) La Junta sewage ponds, Otero Co. (BP,MJ)
 Bewick's Wren 4/11 (7) Rock Canyon, Pueblo Reservoir (BP)
 Hermit Thrush 4/12 (1) Chatfield State Park, Douglas Co. (JT)
 Sage Thrasher 4/12 (1) Kersey, Weld Co. (KS)
 Curve-billed Thrasher 4/10 (3) Pueblo West, Pueblo Co. (BP)
 Cedar Waxwing 4/4 (10) 14845 Foothill Rd., Golden, Jefferson Co. (CW)
Yellow-throated Vireo 4/18-19 (1a) Hannah Ranch SWA, El Paso Co. (VT)F(BP,CP)
Warbling Vireo 4/29 (1x) Lake Holbrook (VT)
 Orange-crowned Warbler 4/15 (1) Golden Ponds, Longmont (DM,PH)
 Virginia's Warbler 4/28 (2) Waterton Canyon, Jefferson Co. (HK)
 Northern Parula 4/26 (1m) Wheat Ridge Greenbelt, Jefferson Co. (DN)
 Yellow Warbler 4/28 (1) Waterton Canyon (HK)
 Black-throated Gray Warbler 4/26 (2) Temple Canyon Park, Fremont Co. (BP)
 MacGillivray's Warbler 4/28 (1) Waterton Canyon (HK)
 Palm Warbler 4/3 (1) Englewood Atlas Block, Arapahoe Co. (JM)S
 Common Yellowthroat 4/28 ((1) Wheat Ridge Greenbelt (RS,SS)
Summer Tanager 4/14 (1i) 835 Harmony Drive, Pueblo West (BP,CP,mo)
Northern Cardinal 4/25 (1f) Holly, Prowers Co. (DB)
 Black-headed Grosbeak 4/12 (1) Chatfield State Park (JT)
 Lazuli Bunting 4/30 (1m) Colorado Springs, El Paso Co. (GB)
 Canyon Towhee 4/20-30 (2a3iN) 835 Harmony Dr., Pueblo West (BP)
 Field Sparrow 4/25 (1) Burchfield SWA, Baca Co. (DB)
 Lark Sparrow 4/25 (2) 835 Harmony Dr., Pueblo West (BP,RS)
 Lark Bunting 4/29 (1m) Lake Holbrook (VT)
 Swamp Sparrow 4/22 (1a) Bonny Reservoir SRA (JR)
 White-throated Sparrow 4/29 (1) Rocky Ford SWA (VT)
Golden-crowned Sparrow 4/29 (1a) Bent's Old Fort marsh, Otero Co. (VT)F
 Harris' Sparrow 4/1-24 (3) 14255 W. 54th Ave., Arvada, Jefferson Co. (DM)
 Northern Oriole 4/29 (1m,"Bullock's" race) Wheat Ridge Greenbelt (RS)
 Pine Grosbeak 4/25 (1f) Pearl Lake, Routt Co. (JM)
 Red Crossbill 4/18 (20) Rocky Mountain National Park, Larimer Co. (RS)

 ABBREVIATIONS used above: F = rare-bird Form submitted, H = Heard only, N = Nesting, S
 = Some details given, a = adult, f = female, i = immature, m = male, x = singing

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 Urling Kingery, JM = Jean Maguire, JR = Jack Reddall, JT = Joe TenBrink, KS = Kar-
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 Norma Erickson, PH = Phil Hayes, PS = Pearle Sandstrom-Smith, RS = Robert Spencer,
 SS = Shirley Spencer, TC = Ted Cooper, TJ = Tina Jones, VT = Van Truan, mo = many
 others

 NOTE: Steve Stachowiak and Joey Kellner inform that they did not see a Great Egret in
 March as was reported in the April *Lark Bunting* by Joe TenBrink.

COLORADO BIRD REPORT IN APRIL

Scott Menough informs that 13 species were reported on the CBR in April. Three of
 them that are not reported elsewhere in this issue are: Brant, Garganey, and Glauc-
cous-winged Gull.

A GUIDE TO REPORTING RARE BIRDS TO THE *LARK BUNTING*
by Jack Reddall and Phil Hayes

A few D.F.O. members have asked if some sort of guide could be printed that would show what species qualify for submittal to the Editor for inclusion as "Additional Reports", which ones require preparation of a rare-bird reporting form (see August 1989 *Lark Bunting* or article on rare-bird reports that will appear in a forthcoming issue) and which are unusual enough to be reported to the Colorado Bird Report. This report is intended to fill that purpose. Included is a Check-List of Colorado Birds (totaling 445 species). On the Check-List, species of special concern are designated by prefixes that indicate the degree of rarity of the species and/or recommend what course of action to follow if the species is observed:

1. An Accidental (5 or fewer records for the state) or Very Rare (6 to 15 records for the state) species that should be reported to the Editor on a Rare Bird Report (hereinafter designated RBR) form. A sighting of any species not on the Check-List (a species new to Colorado) also requires completion of an RBR.

1a. A species that requires an RBR only if observed in adult plumage.

1d. An unusual species that requires an RBR because of the difficulty of field identification.

1e. A species that requires an RBR only if observed on the eastern plains.

1f. A species that requires an RBR only if observed during fall migration.

1i. A species that requires an RBR only if observed in immature or fall plumage.

[Field Trip Leaders, when encountering any species marked by the above prefixes, are urged to submit an RBR prepared either by the leader or another member of the field trip]

[Unless specifically requested not to do so, the Editor forwards all RBR-s to the Records Committee of the Colorado Field Ornithologists]

2. A Rare or Uncommon species that, although it does not require an RBR, should be reported to the Editor and documented with a brief statement indicating the key field marks that led to the identification.

2e. A species that should be reported and documented as in 2 only if observed on the eastern plains.

2i. A species that should be reported and documented as in 2 only if observed in immature or fall plumage.

3. An unusual or otherwise interesting species that should be reported to the Editor for probable inclusion under "Additional Reports".

Species that carry no prefix are not considered rare or unusual. However, sightings of unprefixed species that are worthy of being submitted to the *Lark Bunting* include: especially large numbers of individuals (e.g., 100 Wood Ducks); a winter observation of a summer breeder (e.g., a Hermit Thrush in January); a species seen out of its normal range within the state (e.g., a Common Grackle in Western Colorado). Other sightings of unprefixed species, when reported to the Editor, will be included under "Additional Reports" only when space permits and when the species is not otherwise reported elsewhere in the same issue of the *Lark Bunting*.

Species reports submitted to the *Lark Bunting* should include 1) the common name of the species, 2) the date(s) of the observation, 3) the number of birds observed indicating sex or plumage when possible, 4) the exact place the species was seen including the county, and 5) the names of the persons who were with you and shared in the identification. As noted above, species prefixed by 2, 2e, or 2i should also include supporting details. For example:

GREATER SCAUP 2/21 (1 male) McLellan Reservoir, Arapahoe Co. (Bob Smith, Dick Jones). Field marks noted: rounded profile of head, large nail, white wing stripe extending into outer primaries.

Sightings may be reported to the Editor by telephone but it is much preferred that they be reported in writing. If they are reported by phone, please be prepared to supply all of the information indicated above. Reports must be received no later than the 5th of the month following the month of observation.

It is urged that all species prefixed by a 1 be reported to the Colorado Bird Report. Most species prefixed by a 2 or a 3 also deserve to be reported to the CBR. Species that have no prefix usually merit reporting to the CBR only if they are found well out of their normal range or season.

[Note: Birds reported to the CBR must be separately reported to the Editor of the *Lark Bunting* as outlined above for the original observer to be credited with the sighting and for details of the occurrence to be printed]

On the accompanying Check-List every species is suffixed with one or two capital letters or symbols. This is a simplified attempt to indicate the normal status of each species in the state. These designations are merely a guide and should be treated as such. For example, even though the Blue Grouse is listed as a Resident species (R), one would not expect to see it along the South Platte River out on the plains. Nor would one look for a Greater Roadrunner, also a Resident species (R), in the coniferous forests of the Rocky Mountains. Due to space limitations, no attempt is made to indicate abundance, altitudinal distribution, or preferred habitats of the individual species. Information on these must be obtained from field guides, *A Birder's Guide to Colorado* by Harold R. Holt and James A. Lane, or, especially, *Colorado Birds: A Reference to their Distribution and Habitat* by Robert Andrews and Robert Righter (scheduled to be published in June). The suffixes used on the Check-List and their meanings are:

- A Accidental occurrence (5 or fewer records for Colorado; does not breed in the state)
- A* Accidental occurrence (only 2 records for state; acceptance by Records Committee of Colorado Field Ornithologists is pending)
- AB* Accidental breeder (only 1 record for state but found breeding; acceptance by CFO records committee is pending)
- F Fall migrant only (does not breed in the state)
- IR Introduced Resident (not native; present year-round and breeds in the state)
- M Spring and fall Migrant (passes through during migration but does not breed within the state; individuals of some species returning in the fall may remain in the state through the winter)
- MB Migrant Breeder (spring migrants that enter the state to breed and that migrate out in the fall; these are non-Residents)
- NW Resident (present year-round but does not breed in the state; local population greatly increases with the arrival of winter visitors)
- R Resident (present year-round and breeds in the state)
- RM Resident and Migrant (year-round population joined by spring migrants that may just pass through the state or remain to breed; individuals of some species returning in the fall may remain in the state through the winter)
- S Spring migrant only (does not breed in the state)
- VB Very rare Breeder (has occurred in Colorado 6 to 15 times; a non-Resident but has bred in state)
- VM Very rare Migrant (has occurred in Colorado 6 to 15 times during spring and/or fall migration; has not bred in state)
- VW Very rare Winter visitor (has occurred in Colorado 6 to 15 times in winter; does not breed in state)
- W Winter visitor only (normally present only in the winter months; does not breed in the state)
- W# Winter visitor only (occurs irregularly - not every winter; may irrupt in large numbers some years)
- ? Status undetermined (requires further study)

CHECK-LIST OF COLORADO BIRDS (MAY 1992)

GAVIDAE

- 1 Red-throated Loon VM
- 2 Pacific Loon M
- 3 Common Loon M
- 1 Yellow-billed Loon VW

PODICIPEDIDAE

- Pied-billed Grebe RM
- Horned Grebe M
- 2 Red-necked Grebe M
- Eared Grebe MB
- Western Grebe MB
- Clark's Grebe MB

PELECANIDAE

- American White Pelican MB
- 1 Brown Pelican A

PHALACROCORACIDAE

- Double-cr'st'd Cormorant MB

- 1 Neotropic Cormorant VM

ANHINGIDAE

- 1 Anhinga A

FREGATIDAE

- 1 Magnificent Frigatebird A

ARDEIDAE

- 3 American Bittern MB
- 2 Least Bittern MB
- Great Blue Heron MB
- 3 Great Egret MB
- Snowy Egret MB
- 1i2 Little Blue Heron MB
- 1 Tricolored Heron VM
- 1 Reddish Egret A
- 3 Cattle Egret MB
- 3 Green-backed Heron MB
- Blk.-crown'd Night-Heron RM
- 1i2 Yell.-crown'd Night-Heron MB

THRESKIORNITHIDAE

- 1 White Ibis A
- 1 Glossy Ibis A
- White-faced Ibis MB
- 1 Roseate Spoonbill A

CICONIIDAE

- 1 Wood Stork A

ANATIDAE

- 2 Tundra Swan M
- 1 Trumpeter Swan VW
- 3 Gtr. White-fronted Goose M
- Snow Goose M
- 2 Ross' Goose M
- 1 Brant VM
- Canada Goose RM
- Wood Duck R
- Green-winged Teal RM
- 1d American Black Duck M
- Mallard RM
- Northern Pintail MB
- 1 Garganey A*
- Blue-winged Teal MB
- Cinnamon Teal MB
- Northern Shoveler MB
- Gadwall MB
- 1 Eurasian Wigeon VM
- American Wigeon MB

Canvasback MB

- Redhead MB
- Ring-necked Duck RM

- 2 Greater Scaup M

- Lesser Scaup MB

- 1 Harlequin Duck A

- 3 Oldsquaw M

- 2 Black Scoter M

- 2 Surf Scoter M

- 2 White-winged Scoter M

- Common Goldeneye M

- 3 Barrow's Goldeneye R

- Bufflehead M

- Hooded Merganser R

- Common Merganser RM

- 2 Red-breasted Merganser M

- Ruddy Duck MB

CATHARTIDAE

- Turkey Vulture MB

ACCIPITRIDAE

- 3 Osprey MB

- 1 Am. Swallow-tailed Kite VM

- 3 Mississippi Kite MB

- Bald Eagle RM

- Northern Harrier RM

- Sharp-shinned Hawk RM

- Cooper's Hawk RM

- 3 Northern Goshawk R

- 2 Red-shouldered Hawk M

- 3 Broad-winged Hawk M

- Swainson's Hawk MB

- Red-tailed Hawk RM

- Ferruginous Hawk RM

- Rough-legged Hawk W

- Golden Eagle R

FALCONIDAE

- American Kestrel RM

- 3 Merlin W

- 3 Peregrine Falcon MB

- 1 Gyrfalcon VW

- Prairie Falcon RM

PHASIANIDAE

- 3 Chukar IR

- Ring-necked Pheasant IR

- 3 Blue Grouse R

- 3 White-tailed Ptarmigan R

- 1 Ruffed Grouse ?

- 3 Sage Grouse R

- 3 Greater Prairie-Chicken R

- 3 Lesser Prairie-Chicken R

- 3 Sharp-tailed Grouse R

- 3 Wild Turkey R

- Northern Bobwhite R

- 3 Scaled Quail R

- 3 Gambel's Quail R

RALLIDAE

- 1 Yellow Rail A

- 1 Black Rail A

- 1 King Rail A

- Virginia Rail RM

- Sora MB

- 1 Purple Gallinule A

- 1 Common Moorhen VM

- American Coot RM

GRUIDAE

- 3 Sandhill Crane MB

- 1e Whooping Crane A

CHARADRIIDAE

- 3 Black-bellied Plover M

- 2 Lesser Golden-Plover M

- 3 Snowy Plover MB

- Semipalmated Plover M

- 2 Piping Plover MB

- Killdeer RM

- 3 Mountain Plover MB

RECURVROSTRIDAE

- 3 Black-necked Stilt MB

- American Avocet MB

SCOLOPACIDAE

- Greater Yellowlegs M

- Lesser Yellowlegs M

- Solitary Sandpiper M

- Willet MB

- Spotted Sandpiper MB

- 3 Upland Sandpiper MB

- 1 Eskimo Curlew A

- 1f2 Whimbrel S

- Long-billed Curlew MB

- 2 Hudsonian Godwit M

- Marbled Godwit MB

- 2 Ruddy Turnstone M

- 2 Red Knot M

- Sanderling M

- 2 Semipalmated Sandpiper M

- Western Sandpiper M

- Least Sandpiper M

- 1f2 White-rumped Sandpiper S

- Baird's Sandpiper M

- Pectoral Sandpiper M

- 1 Sharp-tailed Sandpiper A

- 2 Dunlin M

- Stilt Sandpiper M

- 2 Buff-breasted Sandpiper M

- 1 Ruff A

- 1a2 Short-billed Dowitcher M

- Long-billed Dowitcher M

- Common Snipe RM

- 1 American Woodcock A

- Wilson's Phalarope MB

- 3 Red-necked Phalarope M

- 1i2 Red Phalarope M

LARIDAE

- 1 Pomarine Jaeger VM

- 1d Parasitic Jaeger M

- 1 Long-tailed Jaeger A

- 1d Laughing Gull M

- Franklin's Gull M

- 1 Little Gull VM

- 1 Common Blk-headed Gull A

- Bonaparte's Gull M

- 1 Mew Gull VM

- Ring-billed Gull NW

- California Gull MB

- Herring Gull W

- 1a2 Thayer's Gull W

- 1 Lesser Blk-backed Gull VW

- 1 Glaucous-winged Gull A

- 3 Glaucous Gull W

- 1 Great Black-backed Gull A

- 1a2 Black-legged Kittiwake M

- 1 Ross' Gull A

- 3 Sabine's Gull M

- 1 Ivory Gull A

- 2 Caspian Tern M

- 2 Common Tern M

- 1 Arctic Tern A

- Forster's Tern MB

- 2 Least Tern MB

- Black Tern MB

ALCIDAE

- 1 Marbled Murrelet A

- 1 Ancient Murrelet A

COLUMBIDAE

- Rock Dove IR

- Band-tailed Pigeon MB

- 1 White-winged Dove VM

- Mourning Dove MB

CUCULIDAE

- 2 Black-billed Cuckoo MB

- 3 Yellow-billed Cuckoo MB

- 3 Greater Roadrunner R

- 1 Groove-billed Ani A

TYTONIDAE

- 3 Barn Owl R

STRIGIDAE

- 2 Flammulated Owl MB

- 2 Eastern Screech-Owl R

- 2 Western Screech-Owl R

- Great Horned Owl R

- 2 Snowy Owl W#

- 3 Northern Pygmy-Owl R

- Burrowing Owl MB

- 1 Spotted Owl R

- 1 Barred Owl ?

- 3 Long-eared Owl R

- 3 Short-eared Owl R

- 2 Boreal Owl R

- 3 Northern Saw-whet Owl R

CAPRIMULGIDAE

- 1 Lesser Nighthawk A

- Common Nighthawk MB

- 3 Common Poorwill MB

- 1 Whip-poor-will VM

APODIDAE

- 3 Black Swift MB

- Chimney Swift MB

- White-throated Swift MB

TROCHILIDAE

- 1 Blue-thr't'd Hummingb'd VM

- 2 Magnificent Hummingb'd MB

- Blk.-chin'd Hummingb'd MB

- 1 Anna's Hummingbird A

- 2 Calliope Hummingbird F

- Brd.-tailed Hummingbird MB

- 2 Rufous Hummingbird F

(Continued on reverse)

ALCEDINIDAE

Belted Kingfisher RM

PICIDAE

Lewis' Woodpecker RM

Red-head'd Woodpecker MB

3 Red-bellied Woodpecker R

1a2 Yellow-bellied Sapsucker W

Red-naped Sapsucker MB

Williamson's Sapsucker MB

2 Ladder-b'k'd Woodpecker R

Downy Woodpecker RM

Hairy Woodpecker RM

2 Three-toed Woodpecker R

Northern Flicker RM

TYRANNIDAE

Olive-sided Flycatcher MB

Western Wood-Pewee MB

1d Eastern Wood-Pewee M

1 Alder Flycatcher VM

2 Willow Flycatcher MB

2 Least Flycatcher MB

2 Hammond's Flycatcher MB

2 Dusky Flycatcher MB

2 Gray Flycatcher MB

2 Cordilleran Flycatcher MB

1 Black Phoebe VB

3 Eastern Phoebe MB

Say's Phoebe MB

3 Vermillion Flycatcher MB

1 Dusky-capped Flycatcher A

3 Ash-throated Flycatcher MB

2 Great Crested Flycatcher MB

Cassin's Kingbird MB

Western Kingbird MB

Eastern Kingbird MB

3 Scissor-tailed Flycatcher MB

ALAUDIDAE

Horned Lark RM

HIRUNDINIDAE

1e2 Purple Martin MB

Tree Swallow MB

Violet-green Swallow MB

No. Rough-w'ng'd Sw'll'w MB

Bank Swallow MB

Cliff Swallow MB

Barn Swallow MB

CORVIDAE

3 Gray Jay R

Steller's Jay R

Blue Jay RM

Scrub Jay R

3 Pinyon Jay R

Clark's Nutcracker R

Black-billed Magpie R

American Crow R

2 Chihuahuan Raven R

Common Raven R

PARIDAE

Black-capped Chickadee R

Mountain Chickadee R

3 Plain Titmouse R

AEGITHALIDAE

3 Bushtit R

SITTIDAE

Red-breasted Nuthatch RM

White-breasted Nuthatch R

Pygmy Nuthatch R

CERTHIIDAE

Brown Creeper RM

TROGLODYTIDAE

Rock Wren MB

Canyon Wren R

2 Carolina Wren M

3 Bewicks's Wren RM

House Wren MB

2 Winter Wren W

1d Sedge Wren M

Marsh Wren RM

CINCLIDAE

American Dipper R

MUSCICAPIDAE

3 Golden-crowned Kinglet RM

Ruby-crowned Kinglet MB

3 Blue-gray Gnatcatcher MB

1 Black-tailed Gnatcatcher AB*

Eastern Bluebird RM

Western Bluebird MB

Mountain Bluebird MB

Townsend's Solitaire RM

2 Veery MB

1d Gray-cheeked Thrush M

Swainson's Thrush MB

Hermit Thrush MB

2 Wood Thrush M

American Robin RM

2 Varied Thrush W

MIMIDAE

Gray Catbird MB

Northern Mockingbird RM

Sage Thrasher MB

Brown Thrasher MB

1 Long-billed Thrasher A

1 Bendire's Thrasher VB

3 Curve-billed Thrasher R

MOTACILLIDAE

American Pipit RM

1 Sprague's Pipit A

2 Bohemian Waxwing W#

Cedar Waxwing RM

PTILOGONATIDAE

1 Phainopepla VM

LANIIDAE

Northern Shrike W

Loggerhead Shrike RM

STURNIDAE

European Starling IR

VIREONIDAE

1 White-eyed Vireo VM

3 Bell's Vireo MB

2 Gray Vireo MB

Solitary Vireo MB

2 Yellow-throated Vireo M

Warbling Vireo MB

1d Philadelphia Vireo M

Red-eyed Vireo MB

EMBERIZIDAE

2 Blue-winged Warbler M

2 Golden-winged Warbler M

Tennessee Warbler M

Orange-crowned Warbler MB

2 Nashville Warbler M

Virginia's Warbler MB

1 Lucy's Warbler A

3 Northern Parula M

Yellow Warbler MB

3 Chestnut-sided Warbler MB

2i3 Magnolia Warbler M

2i3 Cape May Warbler M

3 Blk-throated Blue Warbler M

Yellow-rumped Warbler MB

3 Blk-thr't'd Gray Warbler MB

3 Townsend's Warbler M

1 Hermit Warbler VM

2i3 Blk-thr't'd Green Warbler M

2i3 Blackburnian Warbler M

2 Yellow-throated Warbler M

2 Grace's Warbler MB

1d Pine Warbler M

1 Prairie Warbler A

3 Palm Warbler M

2i3 Bay-breasted Warbler MB

2i3 Blackpoll Warbler M

1 Cerulean Warbler A

3 Black-and-white Warbler M

American Redstart MB

2i3 Prothonotary Warbler M

2 Worm-eating Warbler M

1 Swainson's Warbler A

3 Ovenbird MB

Northern Waterthrush M

1 Louisiana Waterthrush A

1 Kentucky Warbler VM

1 Connecticut Warbler A

1 Mourning Warbler VM

MacGillivray's Warbler MB

Common Yellowthroat MB

2i3 Hooded Warbler M

Wilson's Warbler MB

2i3 Canada Warbler M

1 Painted Redstart A

Yellow-breasted Chat MB

1d Hepatic Tanager VB

2 Summer Tanager M

2i3 Scarlet Tanager M

Western Tanager MB

3 Northern Cardinal MB

1 Pyrrhuloxia A

2i3 Rose-breasted Grosbeak MB

Black-headed Grosbeak MB

Blue Grosbeak MB

Lazuli Bunting MB

2i Indigo Bunting MB

1 Painted Bunting VM

3 Dickcissel MB

Green-tailed Towhee MB

Rufous-sided Towhee RM

Canyon Towhee R

2 Cassin's Sparrow MB

2 Ruf.-crowned Sparrow RM

American Tree Sparrow W

Chipping Sparrow MB

Clay-colored Sparrow M

Brewer's Sparrow MB

2 Field Sparrow MB

Vesper Sparrow MB

Lark Sparrow MB

2e Black-throated Sparrow MB

2e Sage Sparrow MB

Lark Bunting MB

Savannah Sparrow MB

1d Baird's Sparrow M

Grasshopper Sparrow MB

1 Henslow's Sparrow A

1 Le Conte's Sparrow A

1 Sharp-tailed Sparrow A

3 Fox Sparrow MB

Song Sparrow RM

Lincoln's Sparrow MB

3 Swamp Sparrow W

White-throated Sparrow M

2 Golden-crowned Sparrow W

White-crowned Sparrow MB

3 Harris' Sparrow W

Dark-eyed Junco RM

McCown's Longspur MB

3 Lapland Longspur W

Chestrn.-coll'r'd Longsp'r MB

3 Snow Bunting W#

3 Bobolink MB

Red-winged Blackbird RM

1d Eastern Meadowlark MB

Western Meadowlark RM

Yellow-headed Blackb'd MB

2 Rusty Blackbird W

Brewer's Blackbird RM

3 Great-tailed Grackle RM

Common Grackle MB

1 Bronzed Cowbird A

Brown-headed Cowbird MB

Orchard Oriole MB

Northern Oriole MB

2 Scott's Oriole MB

FRINGILLIDAE

1 Brambling A

Rosy Finch R

3 Pine Grosbeak R

1d Purple Finch W

Cassin's Finch R

House Finch R

3 Red Crossbill R

2 White-winged Crossbill ?

3 Common Redpoll W#

Pine Siskin R

Lesser Goldfinch MB

American Goldfinch RM

Evening Grosbeak R

PASSERIDAE

House Sparrow IR

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WELCOME TO NEW MEMBERS

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Andrea Stutheit - 6072 S. Cherrywood Cir., Littleton, CO 80121

1992-1993 SLATE OF OFFICERS - DENVER FIELD ORNITHOLOGISTS

The nominating committee consisting of Warren Finch, Ed Holub, and Joe TenBrink has proposed the following slate of officers for 1992-1993 to be voted on at the regular monthly meeting on September 6.

PRESIDENT:	Norman Erthal
VICE PRESIDENT:	Joey Kellner
TREASURER:	Alan Hay
SECRETARY:	Barbara Bridges

BOARD OF DIRECTORS (1995):	Jackie King
	Joe Roller

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Bird Nesting and Courtship Class

DFO member Tina Jones will teach a class titled "Bird Nesting and Courtship Behavior" at the Denver Museum of Natural History on Thursdays May 28 and June 4 from 7:00 to 9:00 PM. The class will cover North American birds but will emphasize the birds of Colorado. Actual nests will be available for viewing. Fee required. Call museum at 370-6303 to register.

Volunteer Needed for Field Trip Committee

After many years of dedicated service Ruth Wheeler feels that she must give up her job on the Field Trip Committee because of problems with her vision. If interested in volunteering to take her place on the committee please call her (455-3924) or Ruth Breckon (455-0970) or DFO president Norm Erthal (424-6747).

Important New Publication

The Stanford Press has recently published Birds in Jeopardy: the imperiled and extinct birds of the United States and Canada, including Hawaii and Puerto Rico by Paul R. Ehrlich, David S. Dobkin, and Darryl Wheye. The book provides an overview of the extent of declines as well as the current conditions (so far as they are understood) of each bird that is either protected or recognized to be undergoing non-cyclic declines. The paperback edition is listed at \$17.95.

LARK BUNTING QUESTIONNAIRE

The editor would like some sort of feel as to what parts of the *Lark Bunting* are of most or least interest to the members, which parts should be changed, which should be eliminated, and if some features should be added. He hopes that a representative sample of the membership will either fill out the short questionnaire below or a facsimile of same and send it to: Phil Hayes, 9555 W. 59th Ave. #249, Arvada, CO 80004.

Should the practice of publishing the names of all field trip participants be continued? _____

Do you enjoy reading the Monthly Highlights as presently done? _____ or should the section be changed _____ or eliminated _____?

Would you prefer to have larger type on the Field Trip Reports tables even if it means higher printing costs? _____

Should the Additional Reports be restricted to rare and especially unusual sightings _____ or should a large sampling of sightings be included as was done in this issue _____?

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JUNE AND EARLY JULY DFO FIELD TRIPS

Call the Colorado Bird Report at 973-7207 before going on a field trip to determine if there have been any cancellations or changes in schedules.

June 3, Wednesday. NeeNoshe Reservoir and areas in Kiowa & Prowers Counties for possible Piping Plovers, Least Terns and other good birds. Leader: Duane Nelson (277-9748 or call 973-7207 for his field number). Meet leader at 9:00 AM at the hunters' check station on the SE side of the reservoir (3 miles east of US-287 on Kiowa Co. Rd. D). As this is about 3½ hours from Denver, participants may wish to spend Friday night in Lamar. £

June 6, Saturday. Apex Park. Leader: Warren Finch (233-3372). Meet at 6:00 AM at the parking lot west of CO-93 just north of US-40. Carry water for steep trail. Blue Grouse possible. £

June 7, Sunday. Atwood Bird Atlas Block. Leader: Norm Erthal (424-6747). Meet at 5:30 AM at east end of north parking lot of Museum of Natural History in City Park. £

June 13, Saturday. Pawnee National Grasslands. Leader: Dick Pratt (788-0604). Meet at 7:00 AM at east end of north parking lot of Museum of Natural History in City Park. £

June 14, Sunday. Barr Lake State Park*. Leaders: Lee & Marilyn Rowe (659-8069). Carpool at 6:45 AM at east end of north parking lot of Museum of Natural History in City Park. Meet leaders at 7:30 AM at the Nature Center in the park. 0

June 20, Saturday. Boulder foothills area: Dowdy Draw, Gregory Canyon & Flagstaff in AM; Betasso Preserve & Sugarloaf in PM ending about 3:00 PM. Leaders: Myron & Suzi Plooster (494-6708). Carpool at 7:15 AM south of W. 38th Ave. on Vance St. (one block west of Wadsworth). Park on street east of church parking lot.

Meet leaders at 8:00 AM in north parking lot of U.S. Dept. of Commerce Boulder Laboratories (from US-36 take Baseline exit and turn left, turn left again at next light, cross street onto laboratory grounds at next light). £

June 21, Sunday. Longmont-Lyons area. Leaders: Bill & Inez Prather (1-776-2191). Coordinator: Virginia Bleck (320-6130). Carpool at 6:30 AM at east end of north parking lot of Museum of Natural History in City Park. Meet leaders at 7:30 AM at Jim Hamm Nature Center (from I-25 take CO-119 4 miles west to Boulder-Weld County Line Road then 2 miles north to Nature Center). £

June 25, Wednesday. Golden Gate Canyon State Park*. Leader: Alan Hay (422-0239). Meet at 7:30 AM at Park-&-Ride on west side of Ward Rd. just north of I-70 and W. 44th Ave. £

June 27&28, Saturday & Sunday. Rocky Mountain National Park*. Leader: Bob Righter (692-8529). Each day meet leader at 7:45 AM at Visitors' Center (west of Estes Park on US-36). Saturday birding will focus on Moraine & Horseshoe Parks and Sunday birding will be in the tundra and other areas. Bird one or both days. Weather permitting, a BYO picnic might be arranged for those staying the night. £

July 3-5, Friday thru Sunday. Routt and Jackson Counties: Steamboat Lake SRA*, Pearl Lake State Park*, California Park and North Park (including Arapaho NWR). Leader: Robert Spencer (279-4682). Meet at 9:00 AM on Friday at the Safeway parking lot in Fraser. Spend Friday and Saturday nights at the Super 8 Motel on US-40 east of Steamboat Springs (879-5230) (\$28 for 2 with 2 double beds or one Queen). Camping is available at Steamboat Lake SRA. Bird Friday afternoon and Saturday in Steamboat area and Sunday morning in North Park. Drive home Sunday afternoon. Register with leader. £

£ Bring lunch

0 Half-day trip. Lunch optional

* Park pass required for vehicles

Ruth Wheeler (455-3924)

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DENVER FIELD ORNITHOLOGISTS - Membership Information

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PURPOSE: The prime objective of the club is to promote interest in the study and preservation of birds and their habitats. Members are encouraged to learn about birds in the field noting species and numbers and at the same time learning their songs and calls as well as habits and habitats.

REGULAR MEETINGS: The general meetings are held each month (except June, July, August and December) at 7:30 PM at the Denver Museum of Natural History. Dates and subjects of the meetings are reported on the Colorado Bird Report (973-7207) and in the club bulletin. The meetings are open to the public without charge.

FIELD TRIPS: These are scheduled for almost every Saturday and Sunday throughout the year to a variety of habitats near Denver. Occasionally special trips are arranged to good birding areas in other parts of Colorado. Usually it is necessary to bring a lunch and to wear sturdy hiking shoes or boots. Carpooling is encouraged to get the most from bird watching as well as to save time and energy. Carpooling cost is 10 cents per mile divided by the number of passengers including the driver.

BULLETIN: A monthly bulletin, *The Lark Bunting*, is issued listing field trips scheduled. A complete list of birds seen on the previous month's trips is given in checklist order as are interesting sightings reported by members.

D.F.O. COLORADO BIRD REPORT (303-973-7207)

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MAY 1992 FIELD TRIP SUMMARIES

May 2, Saturday

(ROX)

Roxborough SP. Leader: Phil Hayes. Observers: Mary Dexter, Vivian Frommer (NY), Bill & Shirley Hills (FL), Nancy Iha (GA), Clint Jones, Fern Maher, Alberta Nelson, Anne & Steve Segal, Tim Schowalter, Chuck Walters, Chris & Russ Wood. (Mostly cloudy; Wind, 3-10 MPH; 55-65°F). 2½ miles by car, 3½ miles on foot. 4 hours birding. (23 species; 113 individuals)

May 3, Sunday

(WGB)

Wheat Ridge Greenbelt. Leader: Patty Echelmeyer. Observers: Virginia Bleck, Bobbie DeMuth, Warren Finch, Jim Fischer, Irv Jackson, Pearl Jordan, Joe & Norma Kamby, David Pantle, Joe Roller, Lynn Solomon, Vito Tursi, Virgil Williams. (Mostly clear; Calm; 45-70°F). 3 miles on foot. 4 hours birding. (40 species; 454 individuals)

May 16, Saturday

(GLY)

Greeley area including Lower Latham Reservoir, Crow Valley Campground, Pawnee National Grasslands. Leader: Dick Pratt. Observers: Lori Chappell, Patty Echelmeyer, Barbara & Jim Fay, Bob Goycoolea, Glenn & Jeane Hageman, Harold John, Tim Kuesel, Kim Potter, Aaron Sell, Gene Shinell, Joe TenBrink, Amy Young, Martha Zoeteway. (Mostly clear but with late afternoon thunder storm; Wind, NW 3-30 MPH; 50-80°F). 150 miles by car, 2 miles

on foot. 8½ hours birding. (108 species; 1,599 individuals)

May 17, Sunday

(WSR)

Willow Springs Ranch. Leaders: Dave & Ronda Woodward. Observers: Bob & Lea Ann Brown, Bobbie DeMuth, Barbara Fay, Phil Hayes, Clint Jones, Aaron Sell. (Clear; Calm; 70-75°F). 1 mile by car, 2 miles on foot. 4 hours birding. (43 species; 427 individuals)

May 22-24, Friday to Sunday

(BON)

Bonny Reservoir area. Leader: Bob Righter. Observers: Virginia Bleck, Warren Finch, Glenn & Jeane Hageman, Bob Spencer. (Wind, variable 0-30 MPH; 45-75°F). 30 miles by car, 5 miles on foot. About 20 hours birding. (96 species; 2,394 individuals)

May 23, Saturday

(RIG)

Hudson to Rigli Ranch and Adena area. Leader: Joe Rigli. Observers: Anton Kalous, Aaron Sell, Joe TenBrink, Chuck Walters, Ralph & Emilie Wiersma. (Cloudy to clear; Wind, variable 0-5 MPH; 50-78°F). 55 miles by car, 2 miles on foot. 8 hours birding. (53 species; 932 individuals)

May 30, Saturday

(HDP)

Highline Canal, McLellan Reservoir, Plum Creek, Louviers, and Daniels Park. Leader: Lynn Willcockson. Observers: Kitty

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Albee, Bob Bierling, Lori Chappell, Deana Hruby, Margie Mills, David & Sherrill Pantle, Chuck Walters, Ronda Woodward. (Cloudy with afternoon showers; Wind, N 5-20 MPH; 45-65°F). 26 miles by car, 3 miles on foot. 7 hours birding. (54 species; 535 individuals)

May 31, Sunday

(CHA)

Chatfield State Park. Leader: Mort Staatz. Observers: Vince Kloster, David Pantle, Virgil Williams. (Cloudy; Light air; 45-55°F). 10 miles by car, 3 miles on foot. 5 hours birding. (50 species; 331 individuals)

1992 SPRING COUNT

Coordinator: Hugh Kingery

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September 9, Saturday:

LOWER BEAR CREEK (LBC): INCLUDES MARSTON RESERVOIR AND BEAR CREEK LAKE PARK. Leaders: Bob Spencer & Mary Jane Schock. Observers: Bobbie Ausfahl, Barbara Bridges, Bill Brockner, Warren Finch, Barbara Kay, Virgil Williams. (Mostly clear with some light rain; Wind, SW 10 MPH; 45-70°F). Two parties. 15.5 hours, 21.5 miles. (64 species; 1,584 individuals)

WATERTON (WAT). Leader: Hugh Kingery. Observers: Marilyn Clark, Sally Plummer, Dick Pratt, Tim Schowalter, Cheryl Scott, Fran Seifert, Clint Smith. (Clear; Windy early, S-SE 0-30 MPH). 7.75 hours, 28 miles. (67 species; 522 individuals)

CHATFIELD STATE PARK (CSP). Leaders: Phil Hayes & Randy Lentz. Observer: Ira Sanders. (Clear to cloudy; Wind, S-SW 5-20 MPH; 54-80°F). 9 hours, 28 miles. (69 species; 753 individuals)

September 10, Sunday:

CASTLEWOOD CANYON STATE PARK (CCP). Leader: Randy Lentz. Observers: Pearl Jordan, Tim Schowalter. (Cloudy with trace of rain; Wind, S 0-10 MPH; 40-50°F). 10.5 hours, 26 miles. (61 species; 496 individuals)

BARR LAKE STATE PARK (BAR). Leader: Norm Erthal. Observers: Don Hillyer, Stephanie Jones, Kim Potter, Bob Spencer, Kathryn & Kitty Suarez (FL). (Cloudy with rain to partly cloudy; Wind, E 0-15 MPH; 45-60°F). 8.5 hours, 9 miles. (66 species; 1,491 individuals)

ROCKY MOUNTAIN ARSENAL (RMA). Leader: Urling Kingery. Observers: Diane Buell, Jackie King, Hugh Kingery, Arlene & Jerry Raskin, Marjorie Roberts. (Cloudy). 9 hours, 38 miles. (73 species; 1,084 individuals)

CHERRY CREEK RESERVOIR STATE PARK (CCR). Leader: Patty Echelmeyer. Observers: Mary Jane Black, Virginia Bleck, Bobbie DeMuth, Joe & Norma Kamby, Diana Mullineaux, Ellie Walker. (Cloudy to partly cloudy; Wind, 5 MPH; 40-65°F). 9 hours, 9.5 miles. (59 species; 1,063 individuals)

INDEPENDENT TRIP

May 2. Southeastern Colorado Big Day (SEC): Pueblo West, Cañon City, Wetmore, San Isabel, Beulah, Pueblo, Fowler, Lakes Meredith & Henry, Horse Creek Reservoir, Lakes Cheraw & Holbrook, Bent's Old Fort. Observers: Brandon Percival, Van Truan. (Clear to cloudy; Wind, variable 5-40 MPH; 40-73°F). 400 miles by car, 2 miles on foot. 24 hours birding. (168 species; 8,652 individuals)

MAY HIGHLIGHTS

A total of 226 species are shown on the trip reports on Table 1 (pages 90-93). Another 44 species are shown as "Additional Reports" or by the Tuesday Birders on pages 94-96 making a total of 270 species for Colorado in May in this issue of the *Lark Bunting*. This compares to 227 species in April and to 279 in May 1991.

Not many species were seen on Phil Hayes' trip to the limited habitat of Roxborough State Park (ROX), but six out-of-state visitors and Colorado newcomers enjoyed the vistas and all saw new life birds and had excellent views of many individuals.

Patty Echelmeyer's trip to the Wheat Ridge Greenbelt (WGB) came up with the first Common Yellowthroats and Northern Orioles of the year and the only Ruby-crowned Kinglet of the month's scheduled trips.

The gang who went with Dick Pratt to the Greeley area (GLY) came up with an amazing 108 species including American Bittern, Mountain Plover, Upland Sandpiper,

Whimbrel, Hudsonian Godwit, White-eyed Vireo, Golden-winged Warbler, Ovenbird, and both summer longspurs.

Those who enjoyed the hospitality of Dave and Ronda Woodward on their Willow Springs Ranch (WSR) on a balmy day had an excellent view of a colony of nesting Cliff Swallows and many good looks at Black-headed Grosbeaks and Green-tailed Towhees.

The few who went with Bob Righter on his weekend trip to the Bonny Reservoir area (BON) tallied 96 species including Osprey, Northern Bobwhite, Yellow-billed Cuckoo, Barn Owl, Red-bellied Woodpecker, Eastern Bluebird, Veery, and Bell's Vireo.

The folks who went out to visit Joe Rigli on his ranch (RIG) viewed the only Long-billed Curlew of the month, 6 Red-headed Woodpeckers, an Ash-throated Flycatcher, and 10 Loggerhead Shrikes.

The participants on Lynn Willcockson's trip from the Highline Canal to Daniels Park (HDP) enjoyed viewing 26 Wood Ducks, the only Western and Mountain Bluebirds of the month's scheduled trips, and some Cedar Waxwings.

The highlights of Mort Staatz' trip to Chatfield State Park (CHA) were the viewings of an adult Pacific Loon and a White-rumped Sandpiper.

Of the 137 species that were recorded on the seven trips of the Annual Spring Count, probably the most interesting were: Broad-winged Hawk at Barr Lake, nesting Long-eared Owls at Rocky Mountain Arsenal, heard Common Poorwills and an Eastern Phoebe at Castlewood Canyon, and a Summer Tanager at Waterton. A detailed analysis of this year's Spring Count is planned for a coming issue of the *Lark Bunting*.

Rarest of the 168 species recorded by Percival and Truan on their "Big Day" to southeastern Colorado were heard Black Rails and Carolina Wren.

The best bird seen by the Tuesday Birders (page 95) was the Blue-winged Warbler seen at Castlewood Canyon.

Table 1: Birds Reported on May Field Trips

Scheduled DFO Trips								Annual Spring Count								Indep.
2 ROX F	3 WGB P	16 GLY P	17 WSR F	22-24 BON P	23 RIG P	30 HDP P	31 CHA P	DATE AREA COVERED LIFE ZONES VISITED	9 LBC P	9 WAT F	9 CSP P	10 CCP F	10 BAR P	10 RMA P	10 CCR P	2 SEC PFM
				1			1	Pacific Loon								
	4	4						Common Loon								
								Pied-billed Grebe	6	1			3	1	5	15
		20						Eared Grebe								75
								Western Grebe					14	2	10	1
								Clark's Grebe								25
	8	20	1	10	3	5	6	American White Pelican	4		2		16	1	10	
		1					35	Double-crested Cormorant	66	6	70		200	8	115	3
1	1	10	1	4	3	6	25	American Bittern								
								Great Blue Heron	18	5	30	10	12	13	26	5
								Great Egret								2
								Snowy Egret								8
		3						Cattle Egret								2
	1	1		1				Green-backed Heron							1	1
								Black-crowned Night-Heron	5		2		8		14	5
		5						White-faced Ibis					1			25
1	50	25				17	5	Canada Goose	59	4	26a12i	2		63	17	15
				16		26		Wood Duck		10	2		8			8
	1	4		1				Green-winged Teal						1		65
3	42	20	8	8	2	13	4	Mallard	96	72	16	4	40	39	40	60
		10						Northern Pintail					6	1		1
	5	30		10			2	Blue-winged Teal	4	2	3		16	35	8	402
		30				2	1	Cinnamon Teal		6	4		10	3	5	20
	1	2		7				Northern Shoveler	4	10	6		40	21	1	150
	6	6		8				Gadwall	13	11	5		27	10	25	250
	3	2						American Wigeon					2			28
		20						Redhead	11	10			3	12	2	40
	4	20						Ring-necked Duck	2	20				2		
								Lesser Scaup					3			12
								Common Goldeneye								2
								Bufflehead		40						6
		4					1	Common Merganser		3	3m					
			1	28		1	15	Ruddy Duck					2	2	11	80
				1				Turkey Vulture		1	4	8				3
								Osprey								
								Bald Eagle					2			
		2		1				Northern Harrier					1		2	
				1				Sharp-shinned Hawk	1	1						
			1	1				Cooper's Hawk		2						
								Northern Goshawk								1
								Broad-winged Hawk					1			
	4			3	6			Swainson's Hawk	5N		1	1	8	9	2	1
			1	2				Red-tailed Hawk	2							
					2	1		western races		2	3	1		8		3
		2						Ferruginous Hawk								
	1							"Buteo" species								
			1			2		Golden Eagle		1				1		
		10	2	3	1	7		American Kestrel	8	5	6	2	6	8		14
		1						Prairie Falcon				2				
				6	2			Ring-necked Pheasant			2m		2	9		5H
				2				Wild Turkey				*1H				1H
				3				Northern Bobwhite						73		
								Scaled Quail								1
								Black Rail								2H
		1H						Virginia Rail	2		2H			3		12
		2H						Sora			2H		1	3		4
	4	10		5				American Coot	23				40	11	18	280
								Black-bellied Plover								4
								Snowy Plover								18
								Semipalmated Plover								8
	2	12	2	20	6	4	1	Killdeer	10	2	8		6	16a3i	5	45

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		2 6 20 1 1		3				Mountain Plover Black-necked Stilt American Avocet Lesser Yellowlegs Solitary Sandpiper Willet	4				1			28 44 18 1 1
	4	1 1 1		20	2	2		Spotted Sandpiper Upland Sandpiper Whimbrel Long-billed Curlew Hudsonian Godwit	2	1	3		11	1	12	12
					1			Semipalmated Sandpiper Western Sandpiper Least Sandpiper White-rumped Sandpiper Baird's Sandpiper								2 3 20 5
		5 2 30		15 3 25				Stilt Sandpiper "Sandpiper" species Long-billed Dowitcher Common Snipe Wilson's Phalarope						1 15	5	5 600 400 200
		1 48 1		7 4			30 5	Red-necked Phalarope Franklin's Gull Bonaparte's Gull Ring-billed Gull California Gull	3 1		36 9		20 20	1	15 1	3000 40 15 8
		2 1		1	20			"Gull" species Forster's Tern Rock Dove Band-tailed Pigeon Mourning Dove					8 8 14	30	3	15 25 10 62
6	12	40	1	250	80	12	2	Yellow-billed Cuckoo Barn Owl Western Screech-Owl Great-horned Owl Burrowing Owl	100 3a5i	22 1	16 1	14	20	63	25	
				2 1				Long-eared Owl Common Nighthawk Common Poorwill Chimney Swift White-throated Swift								2 1H 4 1
		2		1										2N		
7				16				Black-chinned Hummingbird Broad-tailed Hummingbird Belted Kingfisher Lewis' Woodpecker Red-headed Woodpecker				2H 8				7H 4 6
3		2	10	2		6		Red-bellied Woodpecker Red-naped Sapsucker Williamson's Sapsucker Downy Woodpecker eastern races	5 2	2 4	1 5	2 2	1	2	2	2 14 6
				2				Red-bellied Woodpecker Red-naped Sapsucker Williamson's Sapsucker Downy Woodpecker eastern races								1 2 1
	5	2		2		2	3	Hairy Woodpecker Three-toed Woodpecker Northern Flicker "Yellow-shafted" race "Red-shafted" race	2 2	2H 2H	1		11	3	2	2 1 7
1	10	3			2	7	1	Western Wood-Pewee Least Flycatcher Dusky Flycatcher Gray Flycatcher "Empidonax" species	48 1		10 1	4		3	5	1 23 1

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		1			2 1			Eastern Phoebe Say's Phoebe Ash-throated Flycatcher Cassin's Kingbird Western Kingbird Eastern Kingbird			1H	1				4 7 1 30
1	1	80 2	3	10	300	3	2	Horned Lark Tree Swallow Violet-green Swallow No. Rough-winged Swallow Bank Swallow	2	5 1	3 30 4 6	18	50	4	15	16 1 45 25 1
	1	2 40	200 2	50 30	10 12	175 18	15	Cliff Swallow Barn Swallow "Swallow" species Steller's Jay Blue Jay Scrub Jay	5 18	4 15	20 5	6 3	2 40	20 56	7 27 200	40 36 16 4 3
14	4	2	8	12		2			6		4	1 5	4			
1	22 7	10 2	6 4	6	6	11 1	10 1	Pinyon Jay Black-billed Magpie American Crow Chihuahuan Raven Common Raven	82 6	10 8	17 4	4 2	35	58	35 7	6 33 45 1 27
8	10		6	5		3	5	Black-capped Chickadee Mountain Chickadee Plain Titmouse Bushtit Red-breasted Nuthatch	24	7	6	8 6	14	6	6	5 22 5 3 3
2H			2					White-breasted Nuthatch Pygmy Nuthatch Brown Creeper Rock Wren Canyon Wren	1	1		5 5 6			3	6 22 2 10 2H
2	3	4 6	4	200	2	27	20	Carolina Wren Bewick's Wren House Wren Marsh Wren American Dipper	40	34	55	23 3	60	27	9	1H 8 10 4
7	1		10					Golden-crowned Kinglet Ruby-crowned Kinglet Blue-gray Gnatcatcher Eastern Bluebird Western Bluebird		1		3 7 7				1 11 6
				1		2		Mountain Bluebird Townsend's Solitaire Veery Swainson's Thrush Hermit Thrush				28 1		2 3		11 2
7	13	6 2	8	45 1	6 2	9 2	8 1	American Robin Gray Catbird Northern Mockingbird Brown Thrasher Curve-billed Thrasher	124	4 1	8	38	14	39	26	49 2 2 2
2	50	1 40 2	5	50 20 4	10 13	14 34	4	Cedar Waxwing Loggerhead Shrike European Starling White-eyed Vireo Bell's Vireo	79	13	34	12	150	22	15	35 2 197
		2					2	Solitary Vireo "Plumbeous" race Warbling Vireo Golden-winged Warbler Orange-crowned Warbler		1 3		4		1		8 1 1 1

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1	10 2	6	2	100	2	20	15	Virginia's Warbler		1		1				8
								Yellow Warbler	20	34	43	3	34	8	9	5
								Yellow-rumped Warbler					1			12
								"Myrtle" race	1	2			2			19
				1	1			"Audubon's" race	1	5	2	7	4	1		
		1						Blk.-throated Gray Warbler		1						11
		1						American Redstart								
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								Common Yellowthroat	3	2	13		4	18	8	3
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				1	2		4	Western Tanager				1				1
		1	12	1		1	1	Black-headed Grosbeak				3		11	1	4
				2				Blue Grosbeak								
		1	6	1		1	1	Lazuli Bunting	1	4	6			2		
				1				Indigo Bunting								
			12					Green-tailed Towhee		1		4				2
29		2	12	1		3	2	Rufous-sided Towhee	2	9	12	42		2		32
								Canyon Towhee								1
				5				Cassin's Sparrow								
								Rufous-crowned Sparrow								1H
1		20		8	5	1		Chipping Sparrow				12	23	12		84
		10		7				Clay-colored Sparrow					1			1
		1			1			Brewer's Sparrow								1
		2			2	4		Vesper Sparrow	1	7	1	18		3		7
		4		50	40			Lark Sparrow	4		2			4		12
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	15	2				2	1	Song Sparrow	32	5	10	3	5	6	7	2
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		1						White-throated Sparrow								1
3	3	6		1	2			White-crowned Sparrow	1	3			1		1	15
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				1				"Oregon" race								
								"Gray-headed" race				1				13
		20						McCown's Longspur								
		4						Chestnut-collared Longspur								
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		2	1				2	Brewer's Blackbird	2	2	2	1			12	44
		6		1				Great-tailed Grackle								1
	40	20	14	250	6	9	20	Common Grackle	134	8	9	2	90	63	30	273
7		20	12	60	6	3	3	Brown-headed Cowbird	9	13	8	32	11	12	35	40
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				75			8	Northern Oriole								
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								Cassin's Finch								7
	3		20			6	2	House Finch	76					13	13	28
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		6	7			4		Pine Siskin		10		8				78
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	10	20		20		11	18	American Goldfinch	11	12	16	8	7	1	12	24
								Evening Grosbeak								165
	40	50	2	15	120	3		House Sparrow	63					14	1	99
23	40	108	43	96	53	54	50	TOTAL SPECIES	64	67	69	61	66	73	59	168
113	454	1599	427	2394	932	535	331	TOTAL INDIVIDUALS	1584	522	753	496	1491	1084	1063	8652

ABBREVIATIONS used above: F = Foothills, H = Heard only, M = Mountains, N = Nest, P = Plains, a = adult, f = female, i = immature, m = male
 * = Newly released (not included in totals), ? = may be escapes (not included in totals)

ADDITIONAL MAY 1992 REPORTS

----- Instructions for submitting "Additional Reports"

1. Individual "Additional Reports" of interesting sightings made during the month are welcomed. However, the Editor reserves the right to publish only those reports that are deemed as unusual/rare or as augmenting the reports submitted by leaders of scheduled DFO field trips. For a guide as to the species that are of most interest see pages 81-84 of the *Lark Bunting*, Volume 27, Number 8 (May 1992).
2. The reports should be submitted in Sixth A.O.U. Check-List (1983, 1985, 1987, 1989, & 1991) order and include the date(s) of observation, number of birds seen, sex and plumage if possible, and specific location (please **do not** fail to include the **county** of occurrence). Refer to the supplement of the *Lark Bunting*, Volume 24, Number 11 (August 1989), for instructions on preparing written documentation to support observations of extremely rare or accidental species as well as for those species that pose difficult field identification problems.
3. Deadline for receipt of all additional reports is the fifth of the following month. They should be sent to the Editor.

Pacific Loon 5/28 (1a) Chatfield SP, Douglas Co. (JoK)S(DS,JoR,WF)
 Common Loon 5/1-22 (1a) Marston Reservoir, Denver, Denver Co. (TJ)
 Great Egret 5/30 (1) Pond along I-76 at Lochbuie exit, Weld Co. (DS)
Little Blue Heron 5/10 (1a) Chatfield Arboretum, Jefferson Co. (DS)N; 5/22 (1
 2nd year) Chatfield SP, Jefferson Co. (JoK)F
 Cattle Egret 5/22 (1) 3 miles south of Kiowa, Elbert Co. (MC)
 Green-backed Heron 5/11-12 (1) Chatfield SP, Jefferson Co. (JB,JoK)
 Osprey 5/30 (1) Chatfield SP, Douglas Co. (JR)
 Mississippi Kite 5/9 (1) La Junta, Otero Co. (JoR); 5/17 (1) Pueblo City Park,
 Pueblo, Pueblo Co. (MJ,DS,DN)
 Peregrine Falcon 5/4 (1) 168th Ave. at Holly, Adams Co. (JT); 5/15 (1) Cheraw
 Reservoir, Otero Co. (DB)
 Sage Grouse 5/23. (3) Lake John Atlas Block, Jackson Co. (DB)
 Lesser Prairie-Chicken 5/10 (4m) On lek east of Campo, Baca Co. (JB)
 Wild Turkey 5/4 (1) Guanella Pass Road, Clear Creek Co. (RH)
 Black-bellied Plover 5/18 (4) White Ranch, Saguache Co. (BR)
 Piping Plover 5/28 (5n) Blue Lake, Bent Co. (HK,DN)N
Whimbrel 5/2 (15) Pond along I-76 at Lochbuie exit (DS,WF)N; 5/2 (1) Lower La-
 tham Reservoir, Weld Co. (JoK,SS)S
Hudsonian Godwit 5/13-18 (1a) Farm pond near Weld County Roads 42 & 45 (JR)S(mo)
 Semipalmated Sandpiper 5/25 (1) Cherry Creek Reservoir SP, Arapahoe Co. (JT)N;
 5/28 (1) Lower Latham Reservoir (JR)S
 White-rumped Sandpiper 5/19 (2) South Platte River, Logan Co. (JR)S; 5/26 (2)
 Chatfield SP, Douglas Co. (JoK)S
Red Phalarope 5/29 (1) Private land in Cheyenne Co. (HK)N
Long-tailed Jaeger 5/28-29 Chatfield SP, Douglas Co. (DS,JoK,JoR,SS)F(JH,KS,MJ,WF)
Caspian Tern 5/30 (1a) Chatfield SP, Jefferson Co. (JR)S
 Least Tern 5/15 (1) Blue Lake (DB)F; 5/28 (4n) Blue Lake (HK,DN)
 Black Tern 5/19 (30) Bonny SP, Yuma Co. (JK); 5/26 (3) Barr Lake SP, Adams Co. (PH)
 Greater Roadrunner 5/3 (3) Two Buttes area, Baca & Prowers Cos. (DB)
 Barn Owl 5/28 (1) Arlington Atlas Block, Kiowa Co. (HK)
 Flammulated Owl 5/16 (2) St. Charles Trail, Custer Co. (BP)
 Western Screech-Owl 5/9 (2) Cottonwood Canyon, Baca Co. (JoR)
Boreal Owl 5/23 (4h) East side of Buffalo Pass, Jackson Co. (DB)F
Whip-poor-will 5/21-22 (1h) 7-Mile Draw Atlas Block, Moffatt Co. (HK,DP)F
 Black Swift 5/28 (1) Cherry Creek Reservoir SP (JR); 5/29 (5) Chatfield SP,
 Douglas Co. (JR); 5/31 (30) Julesburg SWA, Sedgwick Co. (JT)F
 Ladder-backed Woodpecker 5/10 (1) Hannah Ranch, El Paso Co. (JB)S
 Willow Flycatcher 5/29 (1) Chatfield SP, Jefferson Co. (JR)S
 Least Flycatcher 5/22 (1) Chatfield SP, Douglas Co. (JR)S
 Hammond's Flycatcher 5/16 (1) Percival Cabin, Custer Co. (BP)
 Gray Flycatcher 5/2 (1) Temple Canyon, Fremont Co. (RS)
 Cordilleran Flycatcher 5/18 ((1) Crow Valley Campground, Weld Co. (BP)
 Eastern Phoebe 5/18 (1) Bonny SP (JK)

Great Crested Flycatcher 5/9 (1) Lamar, Prowers Co. (JB); 5/19 (1h) Tamarack Ranch SWA, Logan Co. (JR)
 Scissor-tailed Flycatcher 5/5 (1a) Near Elbert, Elbert Co. (MC); 5/19 (1a) Crow Valley Campground (JoR,JH,PH)
 Veery 5/14 (1) Chatfield SP, Jefferson Co. (JB)S
 Gray-cheeked Thrush 5/19 (1a) Crow Valley Campground (NE)F
 White-eyed Vireo 5/15-21 (2) Crow Valley Campground (JB,JH,DS)N(JR)F(MR)S; 5/20-22 (1) Tamarack Ranch SWA (DB)F
 Bell's Vireo 5/19 (7) Tamarack Ranch SWA (JR); 5/20 (2m) Bonny SP (JK)
 Yellow-throated Vireo 5/11-31 (1m) Chatfield SP, Jefferson Co. (JB)N(JK,SS)F; 5/21 (1) Crow Valley Campground (DS,RB)F
 Red-eyed Vireo 5/15 (1m) Waterton Canyon, Jefferson Co. (AS,JT)
 Blue-winged Warbler 5/16-24 (1m) Castlewood Canyon SP, Douglas Co. (JoK)S(DS)N
 Golden-winged Warbler 5/13&29 (1m) Waterton Canyon (AS,JK); 5/25&31 Roxborough SP, Douglas Co. (JB,DS)
 Northern Parula 5/17 (1m) Pueblo City Park (MJ,DS,DN); 5/26 (1) Roxborough SP (JB)
 Chestnut-sided Warbler 5/17 (1m) Bow Mar, Arapahoe Co. (TJ)
 Magnolia Warbler 5/20 (1m) Crow Valley Campground (JR)
 Townsend's Warbler 5/4 (1) Crow Valley Campground (DaP)
 Yellow-throated Warbler 5/17 (1m) Pueblo City Park (MJ,DS,DN)N
 Palm Warbler 5/18 (1) Crow Valley Campground (BP,MJ,DM)
 Blackpoll Warbler 5/18 (2m) Crow Valley Campground (BP,MJ)
 Black-and-white Warbler 5/31 (1m) Roxborough SP (DS)
 Worm-eating Warbler 5/13 (1) Muir Springs Park, Morgan Co. (JR)S
 Kentucky Warbler 5/2 (1) Crow Valley Campground (JoK,SS)F
 Hepatic Tanager 5/7-8 (1m) Pueblo City Park (VT)F(BP)
 Summer Tanager 5/16 (1 molting m) Chatfield SP, Jefferson Co. (JoK,SS)S
 Rose-breasted Grosbeak 5/12 (1m) Wheat Ridge Greenbelt, Jefferson Co. (PH); 5/23 (1m) Buckhorn Canyon, Larimer Co. (NF,JM)
 Dickcissel 5/31 (1f) Jumbo Reservoir SWA, Sedgwick Co. (JT)
 Field Sparrow 5/18 (1t) Julesburg Rest Area, Sedgwick Co. (JR)S
 Fox Sparrow 5/24 (1t) 6 miles west of Grandby, Grand Co. (PE)
 Bobolink 5/14 (6m) Chatfield Arboretum (JB); 5/22 (2m) Winkler Ranch, Douglas Co. (JR)
 Purple Finch 5/1 (2m1f) Beulah, Pueblo Co. (BP,PS)

 ABBREVIATIONS used above: F=rare-bird Form submitted, N=No details given, S=Some details given, a=adult, f=female, h=heard only, m=male, n=nesting, t=male singing on territory?

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DFO TRIP TO SOUTHEASTERN ARIZONA

Bob Righter's May 1-10 trip to southeastern Arizona came up with 182 species. Best of these, according to Bob were Common Black Hawk, Montezuma Quail, Berylline Hummingbird, Violet-crowned Hummingbird, Green Kingfisher, and Botteri's Sparrow. With Bob on the trip were: Jeff Cook, Marlene Eggerling, Sheryl Peterson, Jack Reddall, Mort Staatz, and Linda Vidal.

TUESDAY BIRDERS TRIPS
(Compiled by Monna Krebs)

MAY 5. RED ROCKS & MORRISON PARKS. Leader: Ann Bonnell. 30 observers. (Clear; Wind, variable 6-12 MPH; 54-74°F). 1 mile on foot. 3½ hours birding. (34 species; 366 individuals): Turkey Vulture 2, Golden Eagle 2, American Kestrel 6, Prairie Falcon 2, Rock Dove 12, Great Horned Owl 1, White-throated Swift 105, Broad-tailed Hummingbird 4, Downy Woodpecker 2, Hairy woodpecker 1, Northern "Red-shafted" Flicker 3, Say's Phoebe 2, Violet-green Swallow 5, Cliff Swallow 100, Scrub Jay 10, Black-billed Magpie 8, Common Raven 2, Black-capped Chickadee 4, Canyon Wren 3, House Wren 1, American Dipper 1, American Robin 10, European Starling 7, Yellow-breasted Chat 2, Western Tanager 1, Lazuli Bunting 7, Rufous-sided Towhee 20, Chipping Sparrow 11, Red-winged Blackbird 5, Western Meadowlark 10, Common Grackle 1, Brown-headed Cowbird 2, Northern "Bullock's" Oriole 6, House Finch 8.

MAY 12. LOWER WHITE RANCH TRAIL AREA. Leader: Alice Kruse. 30 observers. (Cloudy; Wind, E 8-16 MPH; 44-54°F). 2 miles on foot. 3½ hours birding. (37 species; 189 individuals): Turkey Vulture 3, Golden Eagle 2, American Kestrel 1, Killdeer 1H, Rock Dove 2, Mourning Dove 4, Broad-tailed Hummingbird 4H, Tree Swallow 2, Violet-green Swallow 2, Northern Rough-winged Swallow 2, Cliff Swallow 6, Barn Swallow 4, Black-billed Magpie 14, American Crow 1, Black-capped Chickadee 2, House Wren 2, American Robin 19, European Starling 13, Yellow-rumped Warbler 1, Black-headed Grosbeak 1, Lazuli Bunting 14, Green-tailed Towhee 2, Rufous-sided Towhee 9, Chipping Sparrow 12, Lark Sparrow 5, Song Sparrow 2, White-crowned Sparrow 2, Red-winged Blackbird 5, Western Meadowlark 16, Brewer's Blackbird 8, Common Grackle 16, Brown-headed Cowbird 1, Northern "Bullock's" Oriole 1, House Finch 4, Pine Siskin 2, American Goldfinch 2, House Sparrow 2.

MAY 19. LAIR O' THE BEAR OPEN SPACE. Leader: Ann Bonnell. 29 observers. (Clear; Wind, E 5-8 MPH; 68-81°F). 3 miles on foot. 4 hours birding. (35 species; 164 individuals): Great Blue Heron 2, Mallard 4, Turkey Vulture 3, Cooper's Hawk 1, Red-tailed Hawk 1, American Kestrel 1, Spotted Sandpiper 5, Mourning Dove 4, Broad-tailed Hummingbird 2, Northern "Red-shafted" Flicker 2, Cordilleran Flycatcher 1, Tree Swallow 3, Violet-green Swallow 28, Northern Rough-winged Swallow 6, Barn Swallow 4, Steller's Jay 1, Black-capped Chickadee 4, American Crow 4, Common Raven 5, House Wren 8, American Dipper 1, Mountain Bluebird 2, American Robin 5, European Starling 9, Warbling Vireo 5, Yellow Warbler 14, Yellow-breasted Chat 1H, Black-headed Grosbeak 9, Lazuli Bunting 6, Rufous-sided Towhee 5, Song Sparrow 5, Common Grackle 6, Brown-headed Cowbird 3, Lesser "Black-backed" Goldfinch 3, American Goldfinch 1.

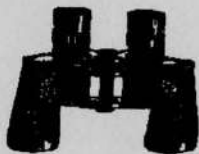
MAY 26. CASTLEWOOD CANYON SP. Leader: Ann Bonnell. 22 observers. (Cloudy to clear; Wind, S 3-7 MPH; 48-63°F). 3 miles on foot. 4 hours birding. (44 species; 252 individuals): Great Blue Heron 7N, Mallard 2, Turkey Vulture 21, Cooper's Hawk 1, Swainson's Hawk 2, Golden Eagle 3N, American Kestrel 1, Rock Dove 12, Mourning Dove 4, White-throated Swift 4, Broad-tailed Hummingbird 10, Northern "Red-shafted" Flicker 4, Olive-sided Flycatcher 1, Western Wood-Pewee 6, Cordilleran Flycatcher 1H, Violet-green Swallow 3, Cliff Swallow 3, Steller's Jay 5, Scrub Jay 6, Black-billed Magpie 13, American Crow 2, Black-capped Chickadee 4, White-breasted Nuthatch 2, Canyon Wren 2, House Wren 7, Blue-gray Gnatcatcher 6, American Robin 8, Gray Catbird 2, European Starling 16, Warbling Vireo 5, Blue-winged Warbler 1, Yellow Warbler 3, MacGillivray's Warbler 1f, Western Tanager 2, Black-headed Grosbeak 10, Lazuli Bunting 7, Rufous-sided Towhee 20, Vesper Sparrow 1, Red-winged Blackbird 1, Western Meadowlark 14, Common Grackle 11, Brown-headed Cowbird 11, Pine Siskin 1, American Goldfinch 5.

LARK BUNTING QUESTIONNAIRE

The Editor thanks the 20 members who took the time to answer the questionnaire that appeared in last month's *Lark Bunting* and a special thanks those who added helpful comments. The respondents were almost unanimous in wanting most things left as they are but 20% of them would opt for larger type in the tables. The only question on which there was roughly evenly divided opinion concerned whether or not the "Additional Reports" should be confined to rare or unusual birds. More answers to the questionnaire would be welcomed.

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JULY DFO FIELD TRIPS

Call the Colorado Bird Report at 973-7207 before going on a field trip to determine if there have been any cancellations or changes in schedules.

TIPS FOR HELPING FIELD TRIP LEADERS

Carpool if possible so the leader will have few cars to keep track of and get parked at stops. (Carpooling also saves gasoline and reduces air pollution.

Stay reasonably close to the group whether in cars or on foot.

Do not leave the group without notifying the leader.

TRANSPORTATION COSTS ON FIELD TRIPS

Everyone is expected to share in the mileage expenses on scheduled DFO field trips. The suggested share is 10 cents per mile divided by the number of people in the car including the driver.

July 3-5, Friday-Sunday. Routt and Jackson Counties: Steamboat Lake SRA*, Pearl Lake SP*, California Park and North Park (including Arapaho NWR). Leader: Robert Spencer (279-4682). Meet at 9:00 AM on Friday at Safeway Parking Lot in Fraser. Spend nights at Super 8 Motel (879-5230) on US-40 east of Steamboat Springs (\$28 for 2 with 2 double beds or one queen). [Camping is available at Steamboat Lake SRA 28 miles from Steamboat or at Ski Town Campground 2½ miles west of town.] Bird Friday PM and Saturday in Steamboat area and Sunday in North Park. Drive home Sunday afternoon. Register with leader. £ for three days.

July 4, Saturday. Independent birding on Independence Day. Be sure to send your really good sightings to the editor for inclusion in "Additional...Reports" section.

July 11, Saturday. Jefferson, Georgia Pass and Hack Ranch. Leader: Carol Hack (777-7893). Meet to carpool at 7:00 AM east of Pancake House in Bear Valley Shopping Center (on S. Sheridan just north of US-285). Meet leader at 8:30 AM across US-285 from Texaco Station in Jefferson. £

July 12, Sunday. Rocky Mountain National Park*. Leader: Ed Holub (979-2194). Meet to carpool at 6:15 AM south of W. 38th Ave. on Vance St. (1 block east of Wadsworth). Park on street east of church parking lot. Meet group at 8:00 AM at Visitors Center east of Beaver Meadows entrance to park.

July 18, Saturday. Filius Park, Echo Lake and Summit Lake. Leader: Lynn Willcockson (757-7000). Meet at 7:30 AM at Park-&-Ride on Union just south of W. 6th Ave. or at Filius Park at 8:00 AM. £

July 19, Sunday. Plains Conservation Center. Leader: Ben Moore (989-0269). Meet at 7:30 AM at Park-&-Ride on Parker Rd. just north of I-225. A good trip for Grasshopper Sparrows. ½-day trip. £

July 25, Saturday. Barr Lake State Park*. Leader: Ruth Breckon (455-0970). Carpool at 6:30 AM at east end of north parking lot of Museum of Natural History in City Park or meet at 7:15 AM at Nature Center in park. ö

July 25 & 26, Saturday & Sunday. Tamarack Ranch SWA, Red Lion SWA and Jumbo Reservoir SWA. Leader: Jack Reddall (771-5308). Meet at 6:30 AM on Saturday at Hunter Check Station at Tamarack Ranch SWA (½ mile north of Crook exit off I-76). Camping at meeting place or at Jumbo Reservoir SWA. Motels in Sterling and Julesburg. Call leader if going. A \$3 SWA permit required for vehicles entering Jumbo Reservoir SWA. £ for two days.

£ Bring lunch

ö Half-day trip. Lunch optional

* Park pass required for vehicles

 Submitted by:

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***** COLORADO BIRD REPORT - 973-7207 *****

JUNE 1992 FIELD TRIP SUMMARIES

Jun 3, Wednesday (SEC)

Southeastern Colorado: NeeNoshe Reservoir, Sweetwater Lake, Blue Lake, Fort Lyon SWA. Leader: Duane Nelson. Observers: Warren Finch, Lee & Marilyn Rowe. (Mostly clear; Wind 0-10 MPH; 55-80°F). 65 miles by car, 2 miles on foot, 1 mile by canoe. 7½ hours birding. (80 species; 1,891 individuals)

Jun 6, Saturday (APX)

Apex Park. Leader: Warren Finch. Observers: David Pantle, Dick Pratt, Warren Roske, Karleen Schofield, Dick Schottler. (Foggy to cloudy to partly cloudy; Wind, N 10 MPH; 50-62°F). 6 miles on foot. 6 hours birding. (51 species, 239 individuals)

Jun 7, Sunday (ATW)

Atwood SWA and Lower Latham Reservoir. Leader: Norm Erthal. Observers: Bobbie DeMuth, Aaron Sell. (Cloudy to clear; 45-70°F). 280 miles by car, 4 miles on foot. 7½ hours birding. (70 species; 1,134 individuals)

Jun 13, Saturday (NEC)

Northeast Colorado: Roggen to Riverside Reservoir to Pawnee National Grasslands (including Keota, Grover, and Crow Valley Campground). Leader: Dick Pratt. Observers: Debbie Caudill, Lori Chappell, Mary Dexter, Ferd & Jo Dirckx, Alan & Dee Hay,

Betty & Stan Harwood, Irv Jackson, Joe & Norma Kamby, Fern Maher, Alberta Nelson, Aaron Sell, Anne Southcott, Chuck Walters. (Mostly clear but with afternoon thunderstorm; Wind, nil; 50-80°F). 200 miles by car, 2½ miles on foot. 8½ hours birding. (72 species, 842 individuals)

Jun 14, Sunday (BAR)

Barr Lake State Park. Leaders: Lee & Marilyn Rowe. Observers: Marilynn Clark, Karen Hoffman, Bill & June Kistler, Sally Plummer, Eleanor White. (Clear; Wind, variable 4-7 MPH; 55-80°F). 8 miles by car, 4 miles on foot. 4½ hours birding. (41 species, 914 individuals)

Jun 20, Saturday (BDR)

Boulder area: Doudy Draw, Gregory Canyon, Flagstaff Mountain, Bobolink Meadows, Sugarloaf Mountain. Leaders: Suzi & Myron Plooster. Observers: Mary Dexter, Marlene Eggerling, Kathlyn Holt, Fern Maher, Alberta Nelson, Warren Roske, Bob Spencer, Roy Stahlgren, Annette Steinbach, Chuck Walters. (Cloudy to clear; Wind, variable 0-5 MPH; 60-75°F). 30 miles by car, 3 miles on foot. 7 hours birding. (52 species, 577 individuals)

Jun 21, Sunday (ULP)

Union Reservoir, Lyons, and Peaceful Valley. Leaders: Bill Prather, D.W. King, Steve Bouricius. Observers: Virginia Bleck, Judy Bowers, Marion Corder, Ferd

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Notices or announcements of classes, lectures, special field trips, etc. relating to birds that are intended for inclusion in the *Lark Bunting* should be received in the mail by the Editor no later than the 5th of the month of issue. The Editor reserves the right to accept or refuse and to edit the announcement(s).

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Field Trip Summaries (continued)

& Jo Dirckx, Mary & Roy Griest, Joe Himmel, Clint Jones, Donna Lufthoff, Ann Means, Diana & Don Mullineaux, Aaron Sell, Pauline Smith, Anne Southcott, Elly Tillman. (Clear to cloudy with light showers; Wind, variable 0-5 MPH; 60-75°F). 64 miles by car, 4 miles on foot. 11½ hours birding. (96 species; 1,026 individuals)

Jun 24, Wednesday (GGC)
Golden Gate Canyon and Golden Gate State Park. Leader: Alan Hay. Observers: Greg Bode, Lori Chappell, Marian Corder (OR), Ferd & Joe Dirckx, Diane Drugman, Marlene Eggerling, Jean Frazier, Dee Hay, Phil Hayes, Kathy Holt, Freda Krolik, Lorna Lorenz, Donna Lufthoff (OR), Jean McGuire, Diana & Don Mullineaux, Mary Prissmon, Warren Roske, Karleen Schofield, Jack Stewart (NJ), Joe TenBrink, Ruth Wheeler, Emilie & Ralph Wiersma. (Partly clear to cloudy with late rain; Wind, NE 0-10 MPH; 60-80°F). 38 miles by car, 1 mile on foot. 6½ hours birding. (61 species, 433 individuals)

Jun 27-28, Saturday & Sunday (RMP)
Rocky Mountain National Park. Leader: Bob Righter. Observers: Jeff Cook, Marlene Eggerling, Warren Finch, Myriam Friggens, Alan & Dee Hay, Meb Hodges, Twyla Jorgensen, Diana & Don Mullineaux, Carol Murray, Dick Schottler, Bob & Shirley Spencer, Amy Young. (Cloudy and rainy; Wind, 0-20 MPH; 45-60°F). 10 miles by car, 5 miles on foot. About 14 hours birding. (75 species, 792 individuals)

TUESDAY BIRDERS' TRIPS
Compiled by Monna Krebs

Jun 2. Stapleton Park & Braille Trail (STA). Leader: Ann Bonnell. 31 observers. (Clear; Wind, N 7-14 MPH; 45-64°F). 1 mi on foot. 4 hrs birding. (37 species, 243 individuals)

Jun 9. Los Lagos near Nederland (NED). Leaders: Phyllis Baldwin & Ann Bonnell. 45 observers. (Mostly cloudy; Wind, N 10-20 MPH; 48-60°F). 2 mi on foot. 4 hrs birding. (49 species, 328 individuals)

Jun 16. Sedalia & Jarr Canyon to Indian Creek Campground (SED). Leader: Ann Bonnell. 27 observers. (Mostly clear; Wind, W 20-30 MPH; 62-74°F). 3 mi on foot. 4 hrs birding. (52 species, 175 individuals)

Jun 23. Estes Park: Black Canyon Trail & Prather Ashe property (EST). Leaders: Betsy & Prather Ashe, Ann Bonnell. 28 observers. (Mostly cloudy; Wind, NE 8-16 MPH; 48-74°F). 3 mi on foot. 4 hrs birding. (33 species, 125 individuals)

Jun 30. Chatfield Arboretum (ARB). Leader: Ann Bonnell. 21 observers. (Clear; Wind, W 5-20 MPH; 70-89°F). 2 mi on foot. 4 hrs birding. (46 species, 333 individuals)

JUNE HIGHLIGHTS

A total of 185 avian species were reported on the nine scheduled DFO field trips in June. Of the 91 species recorded by the Tuesday Birders, 5 were seen on no DFO trip making a total of 190 species that are shown on Table 1 (pages 102-105). This compares to 171 species that were recorded on DFO and Tuesday Bird-er field trips in June last year.

The three observers who attended Duane Nelson's trip to Southeastern Colorado (SEC) on a pleasant Wednesday early in the month spotted 15 species that were recorded on no other June trip. Among these were Snow Goose (1), Snowy Plover (13), Piping Plover (12), Long-billed Curlew (3), Common Tern (1), Least Tern (24), Black Tern (30), and Great Crested Flycatcher (1).

Warren Finch and five followers on the Apex Trail (APX) on a chilly Saturday failed to find hoped for Blue Grouse but they did report 51 species including 2 seen on no other trip.

Norm Erthal led two lucky observers to the Atwood SWA and Lower Latham Reservoir (ATW) on a cool Sunday early in the month. Among 10 species seen on no other DFO trip were Green-backed Heron, Black-necked Stilt, and Upland Sandpiper. Also seen were a Yellow-billed Cuckoo and Red-headed Woodpeckers.

Dick Pratt had seventeen followers on his trip to Northeastern Colorado (NEC) on a balmy Saturday. Among the 8 species that were seen on no other trip were American Bittern, Eastern Wood-Pewee (no details), and both McCown's and Chestnut-collared Longspurs.

The best sighting made by the six who went with Lee and Marilyn Rowe to Barr Lake State Park (BAR) on a pleasant Sunday was of 3 immature Bald Eagles.

Suzi and Myron Plooster and ten followers to the Boulder area (BDR) on a cool Saturday had a "blue bird" day with sightings of Blue Grosbeak, Lazuli and Indigo Buntings, Western and Mountain Bluebirds, and Steller's Jay. The trippers had the only Bobolinks seen on the month's trips.

The trip to Union Reservoir, Lyons, and Peaceful Valley (ULP) led by Bill Prather assisted by D. W. King and Steve Bouricius on a cool Sunday had seventeen other participants. A month-high total of 96 species were recorded including 10 that were seen on no other DFO trip in the month. Among these were Northern Goshawk, Veery, American Redstart, and Fox Sparrow.

Alan Hay's midweek trip to Golden Gate Canyon and State Park (GGC) is a perennial favorite. This year he had 25 followers. Nesting birds seen this year included Cliff Swallow, Barn Swallow, Pygmy Nuthatch, and House Wren.

Bob Righter led a total of 15 people around Rocky Mountain National Park (RMP) over a two-day period near month's end. Although no ptarmigans or Rosy Finches were found, 75 species were observed including Williamson's Sapsucker, American Pipit, and Pine Grosbeak.

Most interesting of the 5 species seen by the Tuesday Birders that were seen on no DFO trip was Ovenbird.

The editor regrets that there was not room to include the submitted report of an independent trip on Table 1. Included were several species seen on no DFO trip.

Of the many good sightings that are reported under "Additional...Reports" on page 106 the best has to be the observation of an Arctic Tern at NeeNoshé Reservoir by Duane Nelson and Keith Barker on June 9. Prior to that sighting there had been only three accepted sightings of the species in the state and only one previous late spring sighting.

TABLE 1: Birds Reported on June Field Trips

DATE AREA COVERED LIFE ZONES VISITED	Scheduled DFO Trips											Tuesday Birders				
	3 SEC P	6 APX F	7 ATW P	13 NEC P	14 BAR P	20 BDR PF	21 ULP P F M			24 GGC FM	27-28 RMP M	2 STA M	9 NED M	16 SED PF	23 EST FM	30 ARB P
Pied-billed Grebe				2	7		1									4N
Eared Grebe	5															
Western Grebe	1			3	5		12									
Clark's Grebe	6						10									
American White Pelican	250		60	20	2		5									
Double-crested Cormorant	5		5	10	250		1									5
American Bittern				1												
Great Blue Heron	12	1	1	15	8		1	2		1	1					7
Great Egret							2									
Snowy Egret	1		2	6	4											
Green-backed Heron			1													
Black-crowned Night-Heron				1	5											
Snow Goose	1															
Canada Goose				1	80		14									14
Wood Duck			1					1								
Green-winged Teal	6		5	3												
Mallard	6	2	25	10	18	4	45	1	1	2	5		18			
Northern Pintail	8				2											
Blue-winged Teal	1		10	2												
Cinnamon Teal			20	4												
Northern Shoveler			1	2												
Gadwall	2		2	6												
Redhead	2			6												
Ring-necked Duck	1m										3					
Common Merganser																2
Ruddy Duck	1			2												
Turkey Vulture						4		2					1	2	2	1
Bald Eagle					3i											
Northern Harrier	2		2	3												
Sharp-shinned Hawk		1														
Cooper's Hawk								1			1			2		
Northern Goshawk									1							
Swainson's Hawk	12		20	6	2											1
Red-tailed Hawk			3	3		1				3		2	1	2	1	
western races		2						2	1		1					
Ferruginous Hawk				1												
Golden Eagle										1		2			1	
American Kestrel	1	1	10	10	4		1	1		1				1		4
Prairie Falcon														1		
Ring-necked Pheasant	8		3													
Wild Turkey				1												
Northern Bobwhite			10													
Virginia Rail			1													4
Sora			2													
American Coot	2			8	12		1									3
Snowy Plover	13															
Piping Plover	12															
Killdeer	50		20	10	4		2	1		1			1	2		4
Mountain Plover	4			4												
Black-necked Stilt			3													
American Avocet	16		20	2			2									
Willet				1												
Spotted Sandpiper	5		2					1		1	3		1			6
Upland Sandpiper			1													
Long-billed Curlew	3															
Sanderling	2															
Semipalmated Sandpiper	2															
White-rumped Sandpiper	49		6													
Stilt Sandpiper	5															
Long-billed Dowitcher			1													

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Common Snipe				1					10		1					
Wilson's Phalarope	6		15	1												
Franklin's Gull	20															
Ring-billed Gull	1		10				1									
California Gull	200			20					2							
Common Tern	1															
Forster's Tern	1															
Least Tern	24															
Black Tern	30															
Rock Dove	1		10	30	6	6	2	3	6					2		
Mourning Dove	50	3	20	30	18	2	2	5	6			4	1	3		
Yellow-billed Cuckoo			1				3									
Great-horned Owl	2		2								1			2		
Burrowing Owl	4			2												
Common Nighthawk	4			2					2							
Chimney Swift			1			12	2									
White-throated Swift						10	10		13			6	8			
Broad-tailed Hummingbird		6				4	10	50	25	35N	12	5	8	1		
Belted Kingfisher			2	1	1		3		1			2N				
Lewis' Woodpecker							1									
Red-headed Woodpecker			4	2												
Red-naped Sapsucker								8	8							
Williamson's Sapsucker									1f	2	2	1				
Downy Woodpecker	2		1		3			1	1					2		
"Batchelder's" race							1									
Hairy Woodpecker		1							1	3			2	1		
"Rocky Mountain" race																
Northern Flicker				2	2	3	4				4			2		
"Yellow-shafted" race			1		1											
"Red-shafted" race		1	19		3			3	5			6	5			
Olive-sided Flycatcher	1							1	1	1	1					
Western Wood-Pewee	5	2	10		2	5	10	3	3			6	6	2		
Eastern Wood-Pewee				1												
Willow Flycatcher											1					
Hammond's Flycatcher						1			5		1					
Dusky Flycatcher								1	8							
Cordilleran Flycatcher		3					3	1	1	2	1	2				
Great Crested Flycatcher	1															
Western Kingbird	120		50	20	24	5	6	1				1				
Eastern Kingbird	5		25	10	20		2									
Horned Lark	250			50					15							
Tree Swallow					8	10		4	30	5	10		3	3		
Violet-green Swallow		2				30	40	10	50	25	6		10			
North. Rough-winged Swallow			1				3									
Bank Swallow			4													
Cliff Swallow	200	2	10	50		50	6	50	200N			1		55		
Barn Swallow	30	2	100	30	3	50	4	20	7N		10	1	1	13		
Steller's Jay		10				6			4	1	1	2	3			
Blue Jay	2		10	1			1									
Scrub Jay		2										5				
Clark's Nutcracker								2	30				6			
Black-billed Magpie	2	7	5	10	16	5			15			7	3	3		
American Crow	3	2		2		1			6	1	20	2				
Chihuahuan Raven	24															
Common Raven						6		1	2		8	3	3			
Black-capped Chickadee	2	4	16		2		14		3	2		4		2		
Mountain Chickadee		2						5	18	6	7		5			
Red-breasted Nuthatch		2						1	4	2H		1				
White-breasted Nuthatch			4			1			8	5	12	2	1			
Pygmy Nuthatch		10				1			15	6	7	2	3			

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Brown Creeper		1							2	3	6					
Rock Wren								1								
Canyon Wren								6	4	10N	30	2	6	6	8	28
House Wren	6	1	50	2	18	5	1									
Marsh Wren																
American Dipper									2a3IN		1					
Ruby-crowned Kinglet									6	1	60	9	5			
Blue-gray Gnatcatcher														1		
Western Bluebird						1						4		2		
Mountain Bluebird		2				5				3	3	2	12	1	5	
Townsend's Solitaire		4								4	1	1	1		1	
Veery							1									
Swainson's Thrush	2		4						2							
Hermit Thrush									1H	1	5	1H	2	1H	2	
American Robin	4	8	100	1	16	50	4	20	6	3	30	14	20	17	7	25
Gray Catbird	1	1						2								2
Northern Mockingbird	2			2												
Brown Thrasher	6		2	2												
American Pipit											10					
Cedar Waxwing								2								
Loggerhead Shrike				6												
European Starling	3	5	100	10	50	15	10	50			20	8		11		10
Solitary Vireo		5				1							1	1		
"Plumbeous" race								3								
Warbling Vireo	1	5	2	1		1		2	10	3	10	3N	5	3	2	7
Red-eyed Vireo								2								
Virginia's Warbler		4								1	3					
Yellow Warbler	7	3	10	1	4	1	2	30		3	1			5		26
Yellow-rumped Warbler																
"Audubon's" race						4			5	2	10	3	13	3		
American Redstart								1								
Ovenbird														4		
MacGillivray's Warbler									1	1	5					
Common Yellowthroat			5	2	10		4									1
Wilson's Warbler									8		3					
Yellow-breasted Chat		5	2			2		1								
Western Tanager		7				1			2	2	1	2	2	3	1	1
Black-headed Grosbeak	1	3		1		30				2	3			2		2
Blue Grosbeak						2				1						1
Lazuli Bunting		7				6		4		9				5		2
Indigo Bunting						2				1						
Dickcissel				1			2H									
Green-tailed Towhee		8								1	12		1		3	
Rufous-sided Towhee		25				20		4		10				8		1
Cassin's Sparrow	10		1	1												
Chipping Sparrow						10					5	32	20		8	
Vesper Sparrow		2				1					4					
Lark Sparrow	6			20										1		
Lark Bunting	200			100												
Savannah Sparrow			3								8		6			
Grasshopper Sparrow			3													
Fox Sparrow																
"Slate-colored" race									2							
Song Sparrow		1					1	2	2	3	4		5			1
Lincoln's Sparrow									2	3	25		3			
White-crowned Sparrow											3	1			1	
Dark-eyed Junco																
"Gray-headed" race						6			1	2	5	6	12	2		
McCown's Longspur				20												
Chestnut-collared Longspur				10												

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Bobolink						3										
Red-winged Blackbird	40		50	100	150	10	50	20	10	10	9		5	1		30
Western Meadowlark	80	5	75	100	4	20	6	4		5				6		25
Yellow-headed Blackbird				10	8		30				1					1
Brewer's Blackbird		5								8	18	1	7			
Great-tailed Grackle			1													
Common Grackle	10	5	20	10	60	100	50	100		10	14	6	4	3		
Brown-headed Cowbird	2	7	10		1	20	2	10	2	2	6	10	13	4	2	2
Orchard Oriole	2		20	2												
Northern Oriole	15			4												
"Baltimore" race			1													
"Bullock's" race		2	9		60	15	2	2		3				1		2
Pine Grosbeak									6		1					
Cassin's Finch									4	5	2	1	10			
House Finch		10		6	1	5		6		24	12	12	2	1	5	7
Red Crossbill									12	6	20			1	4	
Pine Siskin		10				3			30	5	100	22	38		4	2
Lesser Goldfinch							10			5						
"Green-backed" race						5	19							2		
"Black-backed" race		10				1	1					3		7		
American Goldfinch	6	10	8	2	8	5	20			4				1		11
Evening Grosbeak								4								
House Sparrow	2	10	100	20	9	10	4	20		2	20					
TOTAL SPECIES	80	51	70	72	41	52	96			61	75	37	49	52	33	46
TOTAL INDIVIDUALS	1891	239	1134	842	914	577	1026			433	792	243	328	175	125	333

ABBREVIATIONS in Table 1: F = Foothills, H = Heard only, M = Mountains, N = Nesting, P = Plains, a = adult, f = female, i = immature, m = male

Table 2: Dinosaur Ridge (Dakota Hogback) Hawk Watch in 1992 showing daily count for May - Compiled by Duane Nelson

	MAR total	APR total	MAY												Season Total
			1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	month		
Turkey Vulture	11	497	1	11	4	20	3	24	15	14	10	4	106		614
Osprey		50		1			1						2		52
Bald Eagle	23	7													30
Northern Harrier	3	41			1								1		45
Sharp-shinned Hawk	19	247	3	2		4		10	2	3		2	26		292
Cooper's Hawk	17	393		2	1	1		3	1	1	1	2	12		422
Accipiter species	5	63								1			1		69
Red-shouldered Hawk		2													2
Broad-winged Hawk		19						7		3	1		11		30
Swainson's Hawk		38		5				2		1			8		46
Red-tailed Hawk	518	297		9		3		6	8	2	1	3	32		847
Ferruginous Hawk	42	17		2									2		61
Rough-legged Hawk	3	1													4
Buteo species	2	7						1					1		10
Golden Eagle	10	11									1		1		22
American Kestrel	93	556		3		1	1		1	4	1		11		660
Merlin	5	6													11
Peregrine Falcon	2	11		1		1							2		15
Prairie Falcon	6	8													14
Falco species	2	3													5
Unidentified raptor	15	69	1					4					5		89
Totals	776	2343	5	36	6	30	5	57	27	29	15	11	221		3340

ADDITIONAL JUNE 1992 REPORTS

Pacific Loon 6/11 (1 in alternate plumage) Chatfield SP, Douglas Co. (JR)
Common Loon 6/3 (1 in alternate plumage) Brushy Hollow Reservoir, Fremont Co. (JoR)
Hooded Merganser 6/4 (1m) Blue Lake, Bent Co. (DN)
Red-breasted Merganser 6/2 (1f) Prewitt Reservoir, Washington Co. (JoR)
Osprey 6/4 (1) Chatfield SP (KS)
Mississippi Kite 6/6 (1) La Junta, Otero Co. (BP,VT)
Northern Goshawk 6/30 (1a3iN) Golden Gate SP, Gilpin Co. (AH,PH)
Peregrine Falcon 6/? (1 "Tundrius" race) Blue Lake (DN)
Wild Turkey 6/29 (1f5i) 5 miles south of Critchell, Jefferson Co. (AH,DH)
Black-bellied Plover 6/2 (1) Chatfield SP (JH)
Semipalmated Plover 6/10 (1) Blue Lake (DN)
Mountain Plover 6/20 (1) Antero Reservoir, Park Co. (DB)
Marbled Godwit 6/17 (1) NeeNoshe Reservoir, Kiowa Co. (DN)
White-rumped Sandpiper 6/30 (1) NeeNoshe Reservoir (DN)
Red-necked Phalarope 6/2 (9 in breeding plumage) Chatfield SP (JH)
Red Phalarope 6/22 (1 in basic plumage) NeeSopah Reservoir, Kiowa Co. (DN)
Arctic Tern 6/9 (1) NeeNoshe Reservoir (DN,KB)F
Band-tailed Pigeon 6/24 (8) Coal Creek Canyon, Jefferson Co. (JT)
Black-billed Cuckoo 6/25 (1) Strasburg SW Atlas Block, Elbert Co. (MG)
Greater Roadrunner 6/14 (1+2H) Southern Bent Co. (BP,VT)
Barn Owl 6/6 (1) Lake Henry, Crowley Co. (BP,VT)
Flammulated Owl 6/27 (2+2H) St. Charles Trail, Custer Co. (BP)
Western Screech-Owl 6/8-12 (1) Hannah Ranch, El Paso Co. (SW,BP,TB)
Long-eared Owl 6/18 (1H) Crow Valley Campground, Weld Co. (KS)
Boreal Owl 6/7 (1H) Ripple Creek Pass, Rio Blanco Co. (DB)F
Northern Saw-whet Owl 6/27 (1H) St. Charles Trail (BP)
Common Poorwill 6/17 (1H) Cottonwood Canyon, Baca Co. (DN)
Red-headed Woodpecker 6/7 (1a) Red Rocks Park, Jefferson Co. (KS)
Red-bellied Woodpecker 6/2 (1) Tamarack Ranch SWA, Logan Co. (JoR)
Ladder-backed Woodpecker 6/14 (1m) Southern Bent Co. (BP,VT)
Three-toed Woodpecker 6/19-27 (2a1i) 5 miles north of San Isabel, Pueblo Co. (BP)
Least Flycatcher 6/30 (2a2i) Chatfield SP (JH)
Eastern Phoebe 6/17 (3) Cottonwood Canyon (DN)
Ash-throated Flycatcher 6/8 (1) 835 Harmony Dr., Pueblo West, Pueblo Co. (BP)
Pinyon Jay 6/3 (3) Brush Hollow Reservoir (JoR)
Curve-billed Thrasher 6/2 (2) 835 Harmony Dr., Pueblo West (BP)
Bell's Vireo 6/2 (5) Tamarack Ranch SWA (JoR)
Yellow-throated Vireo 6/14 (1m) Fairmont Cemetery, Denver, Denver Co. (TJ)
Blue-winged Warbler 6/11 (1a) Castlewood Canyon SP, Douglas Co. (JR)F(TC,NL)
Golden-winged Warbler 6/5 (1m) Roxborough SP, Douglas Co. (KS)
Black-throated Gray Warbler 6/5 (1m) Waterton, Douglas Co. (KS)
Yellow-throated Warbler 6/3 (1) City Park, Pueblo, Pueblo Co. (JoR)
Ovenbird 6/4 (1a) 2695 Newland St., Denver (PE)
Hepatic Tanager 6/13 (1m1f) Tobe Canyon, Las Animas Co. (DB)
Cassin's Sparrow 6/6 (130+) North of Olney Springs, Crowley Co. (BP,VT)
Rufous-crowned Sparrow 6/17 (1) Cottonwood Canyon (DN)
Black-throated Sparrow 6/14 (5) Southern Otero Co. (BP)S(VT)

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COLORADO BIRD REPORT IN JUNE

Scott Menough informs that 23 species were announced on the Colorado Bird Report in June. Ten of the species were not reported elsewhere in this issue of the *Lark Bunting*. The 10 were: Yellow-crowned Night-Heron, Long-tailed Jaeger, Caspian Tern, Least Flycatcher, Scissor-tailed Flycatcher, Tennessee Warbler, Northern Parula, Black-throated Blue Warbler, Black-and-white Warbler, and Scarlet Tanager.

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Thanks are extended to Gerald & Catherine Dunphy for their recent contribution to the Colorado Bird Report.

A BRIEF ANALYSIS OF THE ANNUAL SPRING COUNT

The 1992 Annual Spring Count (reported on in the May *Lark Bunting*) was one of the poorer Spring Counts of recent years with only 136 species and 6,993 individuals counted. The poor count, however, is at least partly attributable to the fact that the Barr Lake Periphery area was not covered in 1992 for the first time in years. Table 3 below compares the number of species seen in the various Spring Count areas from 1984 through 1992 and shows the total numbers of species and individuals from 1980 through 1992.

Table 3. Species Recorded on Annual Spring Counts 1980 through 1992.

Year	CHA	LBC	WAT	RRX	BAR	PHY	CCR	CWP	RMA	Tot	Indivs
1980	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	137	6,996
1981	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	130	6,618
1982	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	167	11,236
1983	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	183	10,798
1984	101	73	55	55	94	93	53	55	NC	167	8,861
1985	67	67	81	40	75	72	57	41	NC	145	9,466
1986	103	69	84	44	81	54	75	48	NC	159	10,522
1987	69	49	70	28	70	60	68	NC	NC	129	7,610
1988	77	80	77	NC	78	72	87	59	NC	151	10,536
1989	103	73*	85	NC	77	86	74	52	85	171	26,325
1990	108	72	80	NC	89	69	82	57	74	157	14,370
1991	85	83	85	NC	90	71	68	65	88	159	9,441
1992	69	64	67	NC	66	NC	59	61	73	136	6,993

Area abbreviations used above: CHA = Chatfield State Park, LBC = Lower Bear Creek, WAT = Waterton Canyon, RRX = Red Rocks Park, BAR = Barr Lake State Park, PHY = Barr Lake Periphery, CCR = Cherry Creek Reservoir State Park, CWP = Castlewood Canyon State Park, RMA = Rocky Mountain Arsenal

* Counted in two parts on consecutive days.

PREPARATION OF RARE-BIRD REPORTS
by Jack Reddall

The following is a suggested format for preparing Rare-Bird Reports on the species that are prefixed by a "1" on the Check List of Colorado Birds (pages 83-84 of the *May Lark Bunting*) or for species that are not shown on the Check List. All Rare-Bird Reports that are submitted to the editor of the *Lark Bunting* will be forwarded to the C.F.O. Records Committee (unless specifically requested not to do so).

1. COMMON NAME (Scientific name)
2. DATE(S): Indicate the date (and subsequent dates) of the observation.
3. LOCATION: Be precise! Record the city, town, reservoir, state park, state wildlife area, intersection of highways and/or county roads, etc. and be sure to include the county.
4. NUMBER OF BIRDS SEEN BY PLUMAGE, AGE AND SEX: Juvenile, immature, adult, male, female.
5. TIME(S) OF OBSERVATION: Enter the duration of observation, e.g., 0900 to 0930 MST; if observed on subsequent dates record the times for the different dates as appropriate, e.g., 0700 to 0745 MDT (5/11/91), 1315 to 1345 MDT (5/13/91), etc.
6. WEATHER CONDITIONS: Report sky conditions, precipitation if any, wind speed and direction; temperature. Include conditions on dates of subsequent sightings.
7. HABITAT: Be specific! For example: fresh-water reservoir, short-grass prairie, mud flats, coniferous forest, urban park, etc. Use as many descriptions as necessary.
8. OPTICAL EQUIPMENT: Enter the brand and model of your binoculars along with the power and lens size. Also include the brand and model of any spotting scope used and its power.
9. OTHER OBSERVERS WHO INDEPENDENTLY IDENTIFIED THE BIRD: List the names, addresses, and telephone numbers of those observers who you know identified the bird on their own, not on your word or someone else's.
10. DISTANCE FROM THE BIRD AND HOW MEASURED: Record in feet or yards. Indicate if actually measured (and how) or if you simply estimated the distance.
11. BIRD/SUN ORIENTATION: Indicate whether sunlight was a factor and, if so, how did it help or hinder the observation. For example: Was the sun behind you and shining directly on the bird? Was it coming from your quarter-side? Was the sun behind the bird and shining in your eyes? Was it cloudy and the sun no factor?
12. BEHAVIOR AND DEemeanor: This is most important! Most observers who take the time to write up their observation of very rare birds fail to record what the bird(s) was doing during the period(s) of observation. Was it eating something? If so, what? How did it obtain the food? What about flight? Did it soar? Was its flight direct? Did it flit about in a tree? How did it react with any nearby birds? Was courtship involved? What about nesting or feeding of young birds. Careful note taking in the field documenting behavior and demeanor is just as important as describing key field marks noted at the time of observation.
13. GENERAL DESCRIPTION: Provide a brief description of the general characteristics you observed that lead you to your identification of the bird. Such things as relative size, shape, proportions and so forth. What family or generic characteristics were noted?

Next, describe in detail the following parts of the bird which you actually observed in the field, not what you should have seen. And never copy or paraphrase a description from a field guide or from some other source!!

14. HEAD, NECK AND NAPE: Describe the forehead, crown sides of neck, hindneck and nape. Was there a crest?
15. FACE AND EYES: What was the color of the iris? Any eye-ring? Any eyebrow? What about the lores? Any auricular marks?
16. UPPER AND LOWER MANDIBLES: Describe the shape and color of the bill.
17. LEGS AND FEET: Was it a perching bird? Was it long legged? Did you see webbed or lobed feet? Describe the color of the feet and legs.
18. UPPERPARTS: Describe the upper and lower back, the rump and the uppertail coverts.
19. UNDERPARTS: Describe the chin, throat, breast, sides, belly, flanks, vent and undertail coverts.
20. RETRICES: Describe the shape of the tail. Was it forked? Square? Rounded? Long or short? Describe the appearance of the uppertail and undertail. Was there a sub-terminal band? Any tail spots? What about tail wagging or flicking?
21. WINGS: Describe the wing shape. Long or short? Narrow or broad? Describe the appearance of the upperwing: scapulars, tertials, wing coverts and flight feathers (primaries and secondaries). Also describe the underwing: axillaries, wing linings and primaries and secondaries.
22. VOCALIZATION: If heard, describe the bird's song and/or call. How was it delivered? While perched? In flight?
23. ELIMINATION OF SIMILARLY APPEARING SPECIES: This is a must! Describe, on a species-by-species basis, how you arrived at eliminating "look alike" species. What were the key field marks that you considered? Did you rule out hybrids where appropriate?
24. PREVIOUS EXPERIENCE WITH THIS AND SIMILARLY APPEARING SPECIES: Again, as above, on a species-by-species basis, relate your previous field experience with the reported species and its "look-alike" counterparts.
25. REFERENCES USED IN PREPARING THIS REPORT: List any and all references which you used in preparation of your report and how these may, or may not, have influenced your identification. And by all means, avoid the "NO NO" mentioned earlier: do not copy or paraphrase a description out of a reference source!
26. OBSERVER MAKING THIS REPORT: Print or type your name and address. Then sign and date the report.

SKETCHES, PHOTOGRAPHS, VIDEO TAPES AND SOUND RECORDINGS: Submit any of these vehicles where possible as they tend to greatly enhance your written documentation. CAUTION: These items probably will not be returned to you so make copies where feasible. And copies of the notes you made in the field at the time of observation are also important to send along.



ANNOUNCEMENT

CBO "BIG DAY"

The Colorado Bird Observatory will host its annual Big Day, a 24-hour birding event, on September 19-20. For more information or to register, call the CBO at 303-659-4348 or write the CBO at 13401 Picadilly Road, Brighton, CO 80601.



AUGUST DFO FIELD TRIPS

Call the Colorado Bird Report at 973-7207 before going on a field trip to determine if there have been any cancellations or changes in schedules.

Aug 1, Saturday. Burland Ranchettes. Leader: Ruth Breckon (455-0970). Meet at 7:30 AM east of the Pancake House in Bear Valley Shopping Center on the east side of S. Sheridan just north of US-285 (Hampden) or at 8:15 in the Safeway parking lot in Conifer. £

Aug 2, Sunday. Evergreen area: Means Meadows and Upper Bear Creek (Elk Management Area). Leader: Bill Brockner (674-4851). Carpool at 7:15 AM at Park-&-Ride on east side of Union just south of W. 6th Ave. Meet leader at Bergen Park at 8:00 AM. £

Aug 8, Saturday. Genesee Mountain and Stapleton Drive. Leaders: Joe & Norma Kamby (421-5961). Meet at 7:30 AM at the Park-&-Ride on the west side of Ward Rd. just north of I-70 and W. 44th Ave. £

Aug 9, Sunday. Barr Lake State Park*. Leader: Jackie King (287-1644). Meet at 7:00 AM at east end of north parking lot of the Museum of Natural History in City Park. £

Aug 15, Saturday. Bailey to Georgetown via Guanella Pass. Leader: Bob Spencer (279-4682). Meet at 7:00 AM east of the Pancake House in Bear Valley Shopping Center on the east side of S. Sheridan just north of US-285 (Hampden). £

Aug 16, Sunday. Lower Latham Reservoir and Pawnee National Grassland. Leader: Ben Moore (989-0269). Meet at 7:30 AM at east end of north parking lot of the Museum of Natural History in City Park. £

Aug 22, Saturday. Silverthorne-Blue River area. Leaders: Mary Jane & John Black (750-0902). Coordinator: Virginia Bleck (320-6130). Carpool at 7:00 AM at the Park-&-Ride on east side of Union just south of W. 6th Ave. Meet leaders at 8:30 AM at Wendy's parking lot in Silverthorne. £

Aug 23, Sunday. Bear Creek from plains to foothills. Leader: Cal Wichern (693-3718). Meet at 8:00 AM east of Pancake House in Bear Valley Shopping Center on east side of S. Sheridan just north of US-285 (Hampden). £

Aug 29, Saturday. Chatfield State Park*. Leader: Ed Holub (979-2194). Meet at 7:30 AM at Park-&-Ride on west side of S. Wadsworth just south of US-285 (Hampden). £

Aug 30, Sunday. Northeast Colorado lakes and reservoirs. Leader: Joey Kellner (978-1748). Meet at 6:00 AM at east end of north parking lot of Museum of Natural History in City Park. Bring enough water for a long and hot day. £

£ Bring lunch

* Park pass required for vehicles

Submitted by:

Ruth Wheeler (455-3924)
Ruth Breckon (455-0970)

COLORADO BIRDS RELEASED

The long-awaited book, *Colorado Birds - a Reference to their Distribution and Habitat*, by DFO members Robert Andrews and Robert Righter has just been published by the Denver Museum of Natural History. This attractive and up-to-date book utilizes maps and bar graphs to show the geographic, altitudinal, and seasonal distribution of 443 species. The book deserves a place in the libraries of all serious Colorado birders. Congratulations and thanks to Bob and Bob!

DENVER FIELD ORNITHOLOGISTS - Membership Information

WELCOME TO THE D.F.O.

PURPOSE: The prime objective of the club is to promote interest in the study and preservation of birds and their habitats. Members are encouraged to learn about birds in the field noting species and numbers and at the same time learning their songs and calls as well as habits and habitats.

REGULAR MEETINGS: The general meetings are held each month (except June, July, August and December) at 7:30 PM at the Denver Museum of Natural History. Dates and subjects of the meetings are reported on the Colorado Bird Report (973-7207) and in the club bulletin. The meetings are open to the public without charge.

FIELD TRIPS: These are scheduled for almost every Saturday and Sunday throughout the year to a variety of habitats near Denver. Occasionally special trips are arranged to good birding areas in other parts of Colorado. Usually it is necessary to bring a lunch and to wear sturdy hiking shoes or boots. Carpooling is encouraged to get the most from bird watching as well as to save time and energy. Carpooling cost is 10 cents per mile divided by the number of passengers including the driver.

BULLETIN: A monthly bulletin, *The Lark Bunting*, is issued listing field trips scheduled. A complete list of birds seen on the previous month's trips is given in checklist order as are interesting sightings reported by members.

D.F.O. COLORADO BIRD REPORT (303-973-7207)

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NEXT MEETING WEDNESDAY, SEPTEMBER 2, 1992

PROGRAM: Back by popular demand - "Estimating Flock Size" by Hugh Kingery
(The meeting will be in the remodeled Ricketson Auditorium, not the VIP Room)

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JULY 1992 FIELD TRIP SUMMARIES

July 3-5, Friday thru Sunday (GRJ)
Grand, Routt and Jackson Counties: Fraser, Steamboat Springs, Pearl Lake, Windy Gap, Muddy Pass, Arapaho NWR, ponds near Walden. Leader: Robert Spencer. Observers: Ethyl & Ken Barr, Marjory Cash (NM), Marlene Eggerling, Pat Snider (NM), Shirley Spencer, Anita & Roy Stahlgren, Joyce Takamine (NM). (Mostly clear; Wind, NW 0-5 MPH; 65-85°F). 200 miles by car, 3 miles on foot. 24½ hours birding. (91 species; 1,498 individuals)

July 11, Saturday (SOP)
South Park: Jefferson, Michigan Creek Campground, Georgia Pass, Hack Ranch, Milligan Lakes. Leaders: Carol Hack, Kathy Hawkins. Observers: Mae Criley (AZ), Mary Dexter, Marlene Eggerling, Warren Finch, Fern Hack, Walt Hackney, Glenn & Jeane Hageman, Alan & Dee Hay, Phil Hayes, Fern Maher, Alberta Nelson, Jack Reddall, Dick Schottler, Annette Steinbach, Amy Young. (Sunny to partly cloudy with showers; Wind, W 0-10 MPH; 50-68°F). 37 miles by car, 3 miles on foot. 7 hours birding. (69 species; 1,304 individuals)

July 12, Sunday (RMP)
Rocky Mountain National Park and Estes Park. Leader: Ed Holub. Observers: Jean

& Jim Bower (NJ), Dave Bradford (TX), Mae Criley (AZ), Myriam Friggens, Walt Hackney, Linda Holub, Chuck Lowrie, Aaron Sell, Anne Southcott, Bob Spencer, Mort Staatz, Roy Stahlgren, Vito Tursi, Chris Wood. (Cloudy with some rain, fog and sleet; Wind, N 0-15 MPH; 35-65°F). 41 miles by car, 1 mile on foot. 7½ hours birding. (55 species, 289 individuals)

July 18, Saturday (ECH)
Filius Park, Echo Lake, West Chicago Creek and Summit Lake. Leader: Lynn Willcockson. Observers: Marilyn Clark, Mae Criley (AZ), Mary Dexter, Alan & Dee Hay, Tim Kuesel, Fern Maher, Alberta Nelson, Jerry & Arlene Raskin, Jack Reddall, Tim Schowalter, Annette Steinbach, Vito Tursi. (Clear to partly cloudy; Wind, variable 5-15 MPH; 45-70°F). 44 miles by car, 2 miles on foot. 7 hours birding. (44 species, 151 individuals)

July 19, Sunday (PCC)
Plains Conservation Center. Leader: Ben Moore. Observers: Sylvia Bedwell, Marlene Eggerling, Walt Hackney, Deana Hruby, Candice & Margie Mills, Karleen Schofield, Eleanor White, Virgil Williams. (Clear; Wind, NW 3-5 MPH; 60-80°F). 10 miles by car, 1 mile on foot. 3½ hours birding. (21 species, 173 individuals)

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The Denver Field Ornithologists was organized as the Colorado Bird Club in 1935 and membership is open to anyone interested in the birds of the Denver area in particular and the birds of Colorado in general. The organization presents monthly evening programs (except in the summer) and conducts about 100 field trips annually.

Regular individual or family membership is \$10 per year. Senior citizen (age 65 or older) membership is \$8 per year. Student (age 18 or younger) membership is \$5 per year. Applications for membership should be addressed to the Treasurer (see address below). A membership application form is usually attached to the back of the *Lark Bunting*.

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Members who fail to receive the *Lark Bunting* by the 25th of the month should contact the Editor (Tel. 425-5448) as he normally has extra copies. Those who fail to receive the *Lark Bunting* for two or more successive months should contact the Treasurer in writing.

Notices or announcements of classes, lectures, special field trips, etc. relating to birds that are intended for inclusion in the *Lark Bunting* should be received in the mail by the Editor no later than the 5th of the month of issue. The Editor reserves the right to accept or refuse and to edit the announcement(s).

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Field Trip Summaries (continued)

July 25, Saturday (BAR)
Barr Lake State Park. Leader: Ruth Breckon. Observers: Kitty Albee, Mae Crieley (AZ), Paul & Ruth Holland, Margie Mills, Chuck Walters. (Light rain with partial clearing; Wind, variable 0-3 MPH; 64-68°F). 8 miles by car, 3½ miles on foot. 3½ hours birding. (45 species, 774 individuals)

July 25-26, Saturday & Sunday (NEC)
Northeastern Colorado: Tamarack Ranch SWA, Red Lion SWA, Jumbo SWA, Crook. Leader: Jack Reddall. Observers: Virginia Bleck, Ted Cooper, Myriam Friggens, Larry Malone, Wayne McPhearson, Mort Staatz, Sylvia Wheelock. (Cloudy to partly cloudy with severe thunderstorm; Wind, NE 0-10 MPH; 63-82°F). 53 miles by car, 7 miles on foot. 18 hours birding. (89 species; 2,924 individuals)

INDEPENDENT TRIPS

July 6&7. Grand Junction area: Island Acres SRA, Colorado NM, CO-UT state-line area, Highline Reservoir, Glade Store, Mud Spring Campground (GJA). Observers: Dorothy & Jack Reddall. (Clear to cloudy with light showers; Wind, SW 10-25 MPH; 65-99°F). 162 mi by car, 6 mi on foot. 31 hrs birding. (70 species, 902 individuals)

July 19. Big day: Denver to Cherry Creek Reservoir SP, Franktown, Castlewood Canyon SP, Winkler Ranch, Castle Rock to Pueblo via I-25, Burnt Mill Rd. to Colorado City, I-25 to Pueblo, CO-96 to Ordway with stops at Nepesta Rd. & Fowler area, Lake Meredith SWA, Sugar City, Rocky Ford SWA; Lake Cheraw; CO-194 to Las Animas, Blue Lake SWA, return to La Junta, Pueblo & Denver (BIG). Observers: Glenn Hageman, Joey Kellner, Jack Reddall, Chris Wood. (Clear to cloudy with thundershowers; Wind, W 0-20 MPH; 60-96°F). 510 mi by car, 4 mi on foot. 18 hrs birding. (144 species; 8,684 individuals)

TUESDAY BIRDERS' TRIPS

Compiled by Monna Krebs

Jul 7. Guanella Pass area (GUA). Leader: Ann Bonnell. 14 observers. (Clear to partly cloudy; Wind, N 7-14 MPH; 60-72°F). 4 mi on foot. 4 hrs birding. (33 species, 115 individuals)

Jul 14. Mt. Evans area (MEV). Leader: Ann Bonnell. 19 observers. (Mostly clear; Wind, N 8-20 MPH; 48-72°F). 1 mi on foot. 4 hrs birding. (25 species, 161 individuals)

Jul 21. Bergen & Filius Parks; Evergreen area (EVG). Leader: Ann Bonnell. 19 observers. (Partly cloudy; Wind, NE 5-10 MPH; 65-78°F). 1 mi on foot. 4 hrs birding. (31 species, 147 individuals)

Jul 28. Evergreen Lake, Upper Bear Creek & Mt. Evans Elk Management Area (ELK). Leader: Ann Bonnell. 18 observers. (Mostly clear; Wind, variable 7-14 MPH; 2½ mi on foot. 4 hrs birding. (33 species, 234 individuals)

JULY HIGHLIGHTS

A total of 168 avian species were reported on the seven scheduled DFO field trips in July. Forty additional species were reported on two independent trips. Of the 62 species seen on four Tuesday Birders trips, one was seen on no DFO or independent trips making a total 209 species shown on Table 1 (pages 114-117).

More species (91) were seen on Robert Spencer's weekend trip to Grand, Routt and Jackson Counties (GRJ) than were seen on any other DFO trip. Fifteen of the species were seen on no other DFO trip in the month. The best sightings were of 2 Sandhill Cranes, 15 Willets including 4 young, an Upland Sandpiper (accidental in the area; a rare-bird report promised), Veery and Fox Sparrow.

The trip that Carol Hack and Kathy Hawkins led in South Park (SOP) had ten species that were seen on no other DFO trip. Special sightings on the trip included 56 White-faced Ibis, 3 Three-toed Woodpeckers, a Dusky Flycatcher on nest and outstanding closeup views of Pine Grosbeaks.

Sleet, fog, ice pellets, rain and wind-chill hindered the efforts of Ed Holub and 15 followers as they searched unsuccessfully for ptarmigan in the tundra of Rocky Mountain National Park (RMP). In lower elevations, however, despite some rain, they found 55 species. Their MacGillivray's Warblers were the only ones of the month.

Lynn Willcockson's trip to Filius Park, Echo and Summit Lakes and West Chicago Creek (ECH) came up with 44 species including the only Western Bluebirds of the month's DFO trips. The group of 15 observers also saw 17 Mountain Goats at Summit Lake.

The ten folks who went with Ben Moore to the Plains Conservation Center (PCC) on a half-day trip spotted only 21 species. Among these was the hoped for Grasshopper Sparrow (2). The trippers also saw the only Say's Phoebes (4) of the month's DFO trips.

Ruth Breckon's half-day trip to Barr Lake State Park (BAR) came up with 45 species. Five egrets seen at extreme distance were finally determined to be Cattle Egrets. Other sightings of interest were of 2 adult Bald Eagles and 45 Northern Orioles.

Jack Reddall's two-day trip to Northeastern Colorado (NEC) reported 25 species that were not seen on any other DFO trip in July. Among these were 8 shorebird species, Black Terns (120), Yellow-billed Cuckoo, Red-headed Woodpecker (25), Red-bellied Woodpecker, Least Flycatcher, Bell's Vireo and Field Sparrow.

There was space on Table 1 to show the birds seen on two independent trips. Most notable of the species reported on either of those trips was a Lesser Night-hawk seen at Highline Reservoir in Mesa County by Jack Reddall.

Rarest of the species reported under "Additional Reports" on page 118 is Swainson's Warbler. A White-rumped Sandpiper reported at Alamosa NWR (if accepted) is notable in being very late and very far west in the state.

Thanks to Most Field Trip Leaders

Most field trip leaders send their trip reports to the editor within a few days of their trips and the editor greatly appreciates it. The ones who habitually wait until near the deadline on the 5th of the month following the trip make the editor's job considerably more difficult. Please try to get your reports in promptly.

TABLE 1: Birds Reported on July Field Trips

DATE AREA COVERED LIFE ZONES VISITED	Scheduled DFO Trips							Independent		Tuesday Birders			
	3-5 GRJ MV	11 SOP MV	12 RMP M	18 ECH FM	19 PCC P	25 BAR P	25-26 NEC P	6-7 GJA W	19 BIG PF	7 GUA M	14 MEV M	21 EVG F	28 ELK FM
Pied-billed Grebe	1	1					1		3				
Eared Grebe	18	40N						1	80				
Western Grebe						8a3i			60				
Clark's Grebe									30				
American White Pelican	3					19	100		700				
Double-crested Cormorant	2						20		8			1	
Great Blue Heron	3		1			18	13	2	35				1
Great Egret							1						
Cattle Egret						5							
Black-crowned Night-Heron						4	4a2i		8				
White-faced Ibis		56							10				
Snow Goose													
"White" morph									3a				
Canada Goose	320	45				150	80	7	15				
Wood Duck									1m1f				
Green-winged Teal		50							1f				
Mallard	20	300	3	1a5i		23	5	16	150	4		2	23
Northern Pintail							4		1				
Blue-winged Teal		2					25		200				
Cinnamon Teal	12	4							25				
Northern Shoveler	4												
Gadwall	25	30					15		25				
American Wigeon	9a4i	2							4				
Redhead	6	1							160				
Ring-necked Duck	1a3i	10											
Lesser Scaup	8	50											
Bufflehead		5f											
Hooded Merganser							1i						
Common Merganser	6												
Ruddy Duck	20	20							50				
Turkey Vulture	5			1				8	10				1
Mississippi Kite									1a				
Bald Eagle						1a1i							
Northern Harrier	2								2f				
Cooper's Hawk										1		1	
Swainson's Hawk	4	1			2	7	4		15				
Red-tailed Hawk					2	2							4
western races	3	2	1	2			5	1	12				
Ferruginous Hawk	1												
Golden Eagle	2a1i	2a						2					2
American Kestrel	3	1				4	15	9	25				2
Prairie Falcon		4			1								2
Chukar								14					
Ring-necked Pheasant						10	1H	2	1m				
Northern Bobwhite							3H		3				
Gambel's Quail								1					
Virginia Rail									1H				
Sora		1H							1H				
American Coot	150	20a6i				14			10				
Sandhill Crane	2												
Snowy Plover									7				
Semipalmated Plover							2						
Killdeer	16	18				5	65	7	80				
Black-necked Stilt									10				
American Avocet	6								45				
Greater Yellowlegs		1					25		10				
Lesser Yellowlegs							60		20				

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Solitary Sandpiper							7						
Willet	11a4i							4					
Spotted Sandpiper	5		3			2	8	2	4				
Upland Sandpiper	1						10						
Semipalmated Sandpiper							3		1				
Western Sandpiper		1							25				
Least Sandpiper							15		15				
Baird's Sandpiper							5		10				
Stilt Sandpiper							12		3				
Long-billed Dowitcher							35						
Common Snipe	3	9	2										
Wilson's Phalarope	6	20					1		75				
Franklin's Gull						8	3		1200				
Ring-billed Gull						7	15		10				
California Gull	300		3			3			3				
Forster's Tern	1						12		3				
Least Tern									2a				
Black Tern							120		200				
Rock Dove	24						3	2	40				
Mourning Dove	2				16	17	300	35	300				
Yellow-billed Cuckoo							1		1				
Great-horned Owl									4a				
Burrowing Owl							10		2				
Lesser Nighthawk								1					
Common Nighthawk	2				9		15	3	25				
Chimney Swift									15				
White-throated Swift								30	3				
Black-chinned Hummingbird								1					
Broad-tailed Hummingbird	6	15	10	11					8	7	6	2	4
Rufous Hummingbird		1	2	1					1m				
Belted Kingfisher						1	7		1				
Lewis' Woodpecker									2				
Red-headed Woodpecker							25		5				
Red-bellied Woodpecker							1m						
Red-naped Sapsucker	2	15a2iN	7	1									
Williamson's Sapsucker			4	5								3	
Downy Woodpecker			1	1		2			2				1
"Batchelder's" race	1												
eastern races							6						
Hairy Woodpecker			1										
"Rocky Mountain" race				2					1m				
eastern races							2						
Three-toed Woodpecker		1a2i											
Northern Flicker						3	24						2
"Yellow-shafted" race							1						
"Red-shafted" race	3	4	3	1					5				
Olive-sided Flycatcher	2	4											
Western Wood-Pewee	2	3	3			2	3	2	20			2	
Willow Flycatcher	1												
Least Flycatcher							2						
Hammond's Flycatcher	2												
Dusky Flycatcher		1N											
Gray Flycatcher													
Cordilleran Flycatcher	1		3	1				3	9	1	2	4	6
Say's Phoebe					4			2					
Ash-throated Flycatcher									1				
Cassin's Kingbird									2				

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Western Kingbird					5	60	225	25	300				
Eastern Kingbird						11	275		20				
Horned Lark	15	12			10	45	3	2	50				
Tree Swallow	24	32	8						3		4		21
Violet-green Swallow	4	3	15	3				35	100	3	7N	3	15
No. Rough-winged Swallow								3	1				
Bank Swallow					25		20	35					
Cliff Swallow	125	88	15				100	50	1500			3	
Barn Swallow	4	7	3	2		13	75	50	50			4	25
Gray Jay	4	5		3							3		
Steller's Jay			6	6					3	4		1	1
Blue Jay							15		2				
Scrub Jay								1	15				
Pinyon Jay								3					
Clark's Nutcracker			18	3				1			4		
Black-billed Magpie	12	15a4i	7		8	10	10	45	200	2	1		5
American Crow	24		3	6					80	1	19	4	6
Common Raven	2	4	1	5				10	2			2	
Black-capped Chickadee	2		2			3	5		8			2	28
Mountain Chickadee	8	4	22	3				2	10	2	4	14	9
Plain Titmouse								2					
Bush-tit								10					
Red-breasted Nuthatch	6		3						15			5	
White-breasted Nuthatch			1	1			2		8			4	
Pygmy Nuthatch			28	6					2			12	8
Brown Creeper			1								1	1	
Rock Wren								7	2				
Canyon Wren									3H				
Bewick's Wren								3					
House Wren	26	11N	15	8		10	90	2	20		1		10
American Dipper	1									2			2
Ruby-crowned Kinglet	18	5	5							1	2	1	4
Blue-gray Gnatcatcher								2	4				
Western Bluebird				2					3			8N	
Mountain Bluebird	5	34N	5	1				28	50	7	3		2
Townsend's Solitaire		8a2iN							1		2		
Veery	2												
Hermit Thrush		14	2	1						1H	1H		1
American Robin	9	25	5	4	4	20	100	20	50	14		3	3
Gray Catbird	1								1				
Northern Mockingbird									10				
Sage Thrasher									1				
Brown Thrasher							40		1				
Curve-billed Thrasher									2				
American Pipit			10	7						3	15		
Cedar Waxwing	2												
Loggerhead Shrike					3	1	3	1	1				
European Starling		1	2		4	6	25	120	350				
Bell's Vireo							4						
Gray Vireo								1					
Solitary Vireo													
"Plumbeous" race									5				
"Cassin's" race								4					
Warbling Vireo	1	3H	1				4		3	3			
Red-eyed Vireo									2				
Virginia's Warbler									1m				
Yellow Warbler	5	6N	1			1	3	2	1m	1H			

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Yellow-rumped Warbler										4	7	6	1
"Audubon's" race	3	5m	7	2					1m1i				
MacGillivray's Warbler			2										
Common Yellowthroat						2	30	1	30				
Wilson's Warbler		5	1	2						4	4		
Yellow-breasted Chat						1	5	1	4				
Western Tanager	2			1					3	1H		1	
Black-headed Grosbeak	2			2			2	1	15	1		1	
Blue Grosbeak						1	2m	3	3m				
Lazuli Bunting	1							4	10				
Indigo Bunting							1m						
Diocissel							5m		1m				
Green-tailed Towhee	1		3	1					2				
Rufous-sided Towhee									25				
"Spotted" races							7						
eastern races							1						
Canyon Towhee									3				
Chipping Sparrow	3		3	2			40	6	15	2	7	3	
Brewer's Sparrow								5					
Field Sparrow							2						
Vesper Sparrow		3	1		12				20				
Lark Sparrow					8	14	100	13	35				
Black-throated Sparrow								2					
Sage Sparrow								1					
Lark Bunting					40	150	25	12	80				
Savannah Sparrow	4a1i	48	25				1		10				
Grasshopper Sparrow					2		6		1				
Fox Sparrow	2												
Song Sparrow	2	2H						1	10	1			4
Lincoln's Sparrow	3a1i	8	4	2						2	3		
White-crowned Sparrow	11	12	1	6						12	31		
Dark-eyed Junco													
"Gray-headed" race	4	12	4	3					2	5	4	4	2
Bobolink							1m		2m				
Red-winged Blackbird	30	12	2			25	250	1	250	3			4
Western Meadowlark	1				8	7	200	20	200				
Yellow-headed Blackbird	38	1					1f	15	20				
Brewer's Blackbird	26	45			2			130	2				
Great-tailed Grackle									1m				
Common Grackle		4	1			15	30		100	1			
Brown-headed Cowbird	3m1f	41	2	2			25	10	900	2			
Orchard Oriole							10						
Northern Oriole						45							
"Bullock's" race							25	5	6				
Rosy Finch											3		
"Brown-capped" race			2	4									
Pine Grosbeak	2	6m3f		1						1f			
Cassin's Finch	2	22		6						1			
House Finch				4	4	5	4	7	10		1	1	6
Red Crossbill			1	1					6	10		36	
Pine Siskin	6	42		14					60	8	26	8	23
Lesser Goldfinch								5	15				
"Green-backed" race	1												
American Goldfinch	3						50		15			5	
House Sparrow	6		4	5	4	10	5	40	125				6
TOTAL SPECIES	91	69	55	44	21	45	89	70	144	33	25	31	33
TOTAL INDIVIDUALS	1498	1304	289	151	173	774	2924	902	8684	115	161	147	234

ABBREVIATIONS used in Table 1: F = Foothills, H = Heard only, M = Mountains, N = Nesting, P = Plains, V = intermontane Valleys, W = Western valleys and mesas, a = adult, f = female, i = immature, m = male

ADDITIONAL JULY 1992 REPORTS

Common Loon 7/26 (1 in non-breeding plumage) 7 mi. NW of Gould, Jackson Co. (DB)
 American Bittern 7/29 (1a) Lower Latham Reservoir, Weld Co. (JRe)
 Cattle Egret 7/29 (150) Lower Latham Reservoir (JRe)
 Common Merganser 7/2-3 (33a2i) Monarch Lake, Grand Co. (VR,CR)
 Osprey 7/23 (2i) Pueblo Reservoir, Pueblo Co. (BP,CS)
 Mississippi Kite 7/12 (1) Mineral Palace Park, Pueblo, Pueblo Co. (BP)
 Northern Goshawk 7/14 (1a1in) Near Robbins Spring, Park Co. (TJ)
 Peregrine Falcon 7/1 (2) Anthracite Creek, Gunnison Co. (JRo)
 Blue Grouse 7/5 (1a2i) Near Critchell, Jefferson Co. (AH)
 Sage Grouse 7/8 (3) Sevenmile Draw Atlas Block, Moffat Co. (HK)
 Wild Turkey 7/28 (12a60i) Near Wetmore, Custer Co. (BP)
 Scaled Quail 7/3 (10) Pueblo West, Pueblo Co. (BP,TBa)
 Mountain Plover 7/5 (2) Pawnee National Grassland, Weld Co. (VR,CR)
 Long-billed Curlew 7/18 (2i) Flooded field near Shaw, Lincoln Co. (PH,JT)
 Marbled Godwit 7/1 (2) Huerfano Reservoir, Pueblo Co. (BP,BD)
 White-rumped Sandpiper 7/20 (1) Alamosa NWR, Alamosa Co. (EH)F(LH)
 Short-billed Dowitcher 7/23 (1i) Lower Latham Reservoir (JRo)
 Yellow-billed Cuckoo 7/30 (1) Colfax at Wadsworth, Lakewood, Jefferson Co. (JRo)
 Flammulated Owl 7/23 (1h) Granite Lake Atlas Block, Archuleta Co. (HK)
 Eastern Screech-Owl 7/15 (1a3i) W. 16th Dr., Applewood area, Jefferson Co. (JRo)
 Northern Pygmy Owl 7/20 (1a) Lake Isabel, Pueblo Co. (BP)
 Long-eared Owl 7/25 (1) Gore Pass, Grand Co. (DB)
 Boreal Owl 7/24 (1i) Granite Lake Atlas Block (HK)
 Calliope Hummingbird 7/20 (1m) Monte Vista NWR, Rio Grande Co. (EH)S(LH)
 Rufous Hummingbird 7/16 (1m) 4445 S. Van Gordon Way, Jefferson Co. (CW)S
 Three-toed Woodpecker 7/3 (1m) Near Monarch Lake (VR,CR)
 Ash-throated Flycatcher 7/18 (1) South of Castlewood Canyon SP, Douglas Co. (AS)
 Carolina Wren 7/29 (1s) Muir Springs Park, Morgan Co. (JRe)S
 Golden-crowned Kinglet 7/5 (4) Percival Cabin, Custer Co. (BP)
 Bendire's Thrasher 7/1 (8) North of Del Norte, Rio Grande Co. (JRo)N
 Northern Parula 7/2 (1) Red Rocks Park, Jefferson Co. (JS)
 Swainson's Warbler 7/16,17&23 (1a) Fountain Creek Regional Park, El Paso Co. (TBr,
 BP)F(SB,MJ,CS)
 Summer Tanager 7/3 (1) Old St. Vrain Rd., Boulder Co. (PS)S(JT)
 Rose-breasted Grosbeak 7/4 (1f) Castlewood Canyon SP, Douglas Co. (VR)
 Cassin's Sparrow 7/29 (5s) Near Weld County Roads 38 & 39 (JRe)
 Sage Sparrow 7/8 (30) Sevenmile Draw Atlas Block (HK)
 Fox Sparrow 7/7 (3) Bailey Nesting Area, Summit Co. (JRo)
 McCown's Longspur 7/5 (68) Pawnee National Grassland (VR,CR)
 White-winged Crossbill 7/3 (1m1f+) Rocky Mountain National Park, Larimer Co. (EH)S

ABBREVIATIONS used above: F = rare-bird Form submitted, N = No details, S = Some details given, a = adult, f = female, h = heard only, i = immature, m = male, n = nest, s = singing

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COLORADO BIRD REPORT IN JULY

Scott Menough informs that 14 species were called in to the Colorado Bird Report in July. Three of these are not reported elsewhere in this issue. The three are Common Moorhen, Caspian Tern, Eastern Meadowlark.

LARK BUNTING QUESTIONNAIRE RESULTS

Thanks to all of those who took the trouble to answer the questionnaire about the *Lark Bunting* that appeared in the May issue. For the most part, most respondents seem to like the *Lark Bunting* as it is and want no changes. The biggest disagreement was on the question as to whether the "Additional Reports" should be restricted to rare and especially unusual species or should include a large sampling. (As in the past, space available will probably determine what course the editor will take in each issue). At least two readers would like articles on good birding spots and another would like an occasional article on birding ethics. Two readers thought that the table could be printed with larger type if the Tuesday Birders trips were not included (usually true). Nearly all (87%) don't mind the small print in the tables.

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Thanks are extended to Alexander & Diane Cruz for their recent contribution to the Colorado Bird Report.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Volunteer Bird Observers Needed for South Platte Corridor Survey

A better understanding is needed of migrant and nesting bird populations in narrow riparian corridors such as the Platte River Greenway in the Denver metropolitan area. Volunteer bird observers are needed to "adopt a mile" section of the South Platte. Observers will work in pairs to identify and count migrant and breeding birds in a designated section of the stream. Their commitment will be the time necessary to make counts beginning at 7:00 AM one day on the second and fourth weekends of April through October and beginning at 9:00 AM one day on the second weekend each month from November through March. If you would like to help on this project call the Denver Audubon Society office at 757-8376.

Colorado Bird Observatory "BIG DAY"

The CBO's annual 24-hour birding competition will run from midnight September 18 to midnight September 19. During an awards picnic on the 20th prizes will be given for the Highest Team Total, Highest West Slope Team Total, and Highest Club Team Total. The 1991 winners, Bob Andrews, Bob Righter, Tim Crisler, and Joey Kellner saw 108 species. For more information or to register, call the CBO at 303-659-4348 or write the CBO at 13401 Piccadilly Road, Brighton, CO 80601.

Ruth Wheeler Retires from Field Trip Committee

The entire membership is grateful to Ruth Wheeler for her many years of faithful service to the DFO on the Field Trip Committee. Problems with her eyes have made it very difficult to continue on the job. Thanks Ruth! Mort Staatz has agreed to serve on the committee in Ruth's stead. Welcome Mort!

SEPTEMBER DFO FIELD TRIPS

Call the Colorado Bird Report at 973-7207 before going on a field trip to determine if there have been any cancellations or changes in schedules.

Sep 5 thru 7, Saturday thru Sunday (Labor Day Weekend). No DFO field trips scheduled. The Annual Convention of the Colorado Field Ornithologist with field trips each day is scheduled for the weekend at the Holiday Inn North in Northglenn. For details call Steve Bouricius (1-747-2367) or Bill Prather (1-776-2191).

Sep 12, 13 & 16; Saturday, Sunday & Wednesday. ANNUAL FALL COUNT. Coordinator: Norm Erthal (424-6747).

Sep 12, Saturday.

LOWER BEAR CREEK. Leader: Mary Jane Schock (922-3144). Meet at 7:00 AM east of the Pancake House in Bear Valley Shopping Center on S. Sheridan just north of US-285 (Hampden). £

CHATFIELD STATE PARK*. Leader: Joey Kellner (978-1748). Meet at 6:30 AM at Deer Creek (west) entrance of the park (off CO-121). £

WATERTON. Leader: Dick Pratt (788-0604). Meet at 6:30 AM at Park-&-Ride on west side of S. Wadsworth south of US-285 (Hampden) or at the Waterton Bridge at 6:45 AM. £

Sep 13, Sunday.

BARR LAKE STATE PARK*. Leader: Bob Righter (692-8529). Meet at 6:30 AM at the entrance station of park. This is a 10-mile, all-day hike around the lake. £

BARR LAKE PERIPHERY. Leader: Phil Hayes (425-5448). Meet at 6:30 AM at Piccadilly Road and Bromley Lane. £

CASTLEWOOD CANYON STATE PARK*. Leader: Randy Lentz (777-7101). Meet at park entrance at 6:30 AM. Up-and-down hiking all day. £

ROCKY MOUNTAIN ARSENAL. Leader: Urling Kingery (333-0161). Register with the leader as the number of observers will be limited. £

Sep 16, Wednesday.

CHERRY CREEK RESERVOIR STATE PARK. Leader: Mort Staatz (279-6169). Meet at 6:30 AM at the west gate of the park off Union Avenue west of S. Yosemite St. £

Sep 19, Saturday. RIGLI RANCH. Leader: Joe Rigli (1-432-5200). Carpool at 7:00 AM at east end of north parking lot of Museum of Natural History in City Park or join group at 7:45 AM at Pepper Pod Restaurant in Hudson (Turn right from exit ramp). Meet leader about 9:00 AM at the ranch (from Hudson go east on CO-52 about 32 or 33 miles until it turns north and, without turning, continue east 9 miles on Morgan County F Road to County Road 14, turn left and go a mile or so to first house on left where 2 boxcars are visible). £

Sep 20, Sunday. BOULDER AREA. Leaders: Myron & Suzi Plooster (494-6708). Carpool at 7:30 AM south of W. 38th Ave. on Vance St. (a block east of Wadsworth). Park on street east of church parking lot. Meet leaders at 8:15 AM in north parking lot of U.S. Dept. of Commerce Boulder Laboratories (from US-36 take Baseline exit and turn left, turn left again at next light, cross street at next light onto laboratory grounds). All observers are invited to the leaders' home for chili after the trip. £

Sep 26, Saturday. SOUTH PLATTE RIVER PARK AND VICINITY. Leader: Ed Holub (979-2194). Meet at 7:30 AM at the Park-&-Ride on the northwest corner of Mineral and S. Santa Fe Dr. £

Sep 27, Sunday. ROXBOROUGH STATE PARK*. Leader: Mort Staatz (279-6169). Meet at 7:30 AM at the Park-&-Ride on west side of S. Wadsworth just south of US-285 (Hampden). ö

£ Bring lunch

ö Half-day trip. Lunch optional.

* Park pass required for vehicles

Submitted by:

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AUGUST 1992 FIELD TRIP SUMMARIES

August 1, Saturday (BR)
Burland Ranchettes. Leader: Ruth Breckon. Observers: Walt Hackney, Phil Hayes, Rich Maslow, Andy & Ruth Philpott, Joe TenBrink. (Clear to partly cloudy; Wind, SE 2-12 MPH; 65-75°F). 33 miles by car, ½ mile on foot. 8:15 AM to 1:15 PM. (25 species, 90 individuals)

August 2, Sunday (EV)
Evergreen Area: Elk Meadows Park and Upper Bear Creek. Leader: Bill Brockner. Observers: Karol Buckley, Walt Hackney, Clint Jones, Mort Staatz. (Clear to cloudy with rain; Wind, W 5 MPH; 75°F). 38 miles by car, 3 miles on foot. 8:00 AM to 3:45 PM. (32 species, 91 individuals)

August 8, Saturday (GEN)
To Genessee Park and Stapleton Drive starting at I-70 at Ward Road. Leader: Joe & Norma Kamby. Observers: Clint Jones, Karleen Schofield, Pauline Smith, Virgil Williams. (Cloudy with afternoon rain; Wind 4-7 MPH; 66-75°F). 23 miles by car, 1 mile on foot. 7:30 AM to 1:30 PM. (50 species, 386 individuals)

August 9, Sunday (BAR)
Barr Lake State Park. Leader: Jackie King. Observers: Barbara Case, Lucy Pace. (Clear; Calm; 70-95°F). 78 miles by

car, 1 mile on foot. 7:00 AM to 3:00 PM. (48 species; 1,260 individuals)

August 15, Saturday (GUA)
Bailey to Georgetown via Guanella Pass. Leader: Robert Spencer. Observers: Kitty Aibee, Lori Chappell, Don & Kathy Holt, Claudina Hruby, Frank Johnson, Sarah Plocher, Kim Potter, Jack Reddall, Pauline Smith, Vito Tursi, Amy Young. (Mostly clear; Wind, NW 1-12 MPH; 65-75°F). 100 miles by car, 2½ miles by foot. 7:30 AM to 3:30 PM. (45 species, 169 individuals)

August 16, Sunday (NCC)
North-central Colorado: Denver to Ault via US-85; Ault to Briggsdale via CO-14; Crow Valley Campground; Murphy's Pasture in Pawnee National Grassland; farm ponds at Weld County Roads 122, 75, & 124; Briggsdale to Barnsville and Lower Latham Reservoir; farm ponds at Weld County Roads 42 & 45; return to Denver. Leader: Ben Moore. Observers: Jeff Cook, Marlene Eggerling, Barbara Jenkins, Chuck Lowrie, David Pantle, Kim Potter, Jack Reddall, Karleen Schofield, Mort Staatz. (Cloudy with some light rain becoming partly cloudy; Wind, SE 5-10 MPH; 61-80°F). 208 miles by car, 2 miles on foot. 7:30 AM to 5:00 PM. (87 species; 7,136 individuals)

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Regular individual or family membership is \$10 per year. Senior citizen (age 65 or older) membership is \$8 per year. Student (age 18 or younger) membership is \$5 per year. Applications for membership should be addressed to the Treasurer (see address below). A membership application form is usually attached to the back of the *Lark Bunting*.

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Jackie King, Joe Roller (1995)

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FIELD TRIP COORDINATORS: Ruth Breckon - (455-0970)
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COLORADO BIRD REPORT: Duane Nelson - (277-9748)

CORRESP. SEC.: Jeane Hageman - 448 S. Leyden, Denver 80224 (322-6589)

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Field Trip Summaries (continued)

August 22, Saturday (SIL)
Silverthorne-Blue River area. Leader: Virginia Bleck. Observers: Ruth Breckon, Dick Williams (GA), Amy Young. (Partly cloudy to cloudy; Wind 0-20 MPH; 55-70°F). 40 miles by car, 2½ miles on foot. 8:30 AM to 3:30 PM. (29 species, 84 individuals)

August 23, Sunday (BCK)
Bear Creek from Plains to Foothills. Leader: Cal Wichern. Observers: Tim Maguire, Karleen Schofield, Virgil Williams. (Partly cloudy; Mostly calm; 60-75°F). 51 miles by car, 3 miles on foot. 8:00 AM to 2:00 PM. (33 species, 180 individuals)

August 29, Saturday (CHA)
Chatfield State Park. Leader: Ed Holub. Observers: Bob & Nancy Bierling, Hope Cisneros, Patty Echelmeyer, Phil Hayes, Susan Kane, David Pantle, Jenny & Norm Torrey, Chuck Walters. (Partly cloudy; Wind, W 0-5 MPH; 63-70°F). 24 miles by car, 3½ miles on foot. 8:00 AM to 4:00 PM. (54 species, 569 individuals)

August 30, Sunday (NEC)
Northeastern Colorado: Denver to Prewitt Reservoir via I-76; I-76 to Morgan County Road 12 and south to Bijou Reservoir; Morgan County Road U and CO-44 to Empire Reservoir; I-76 to Denver with stops at ponds at Lochbuie. Leader: Joey Kellner. Observers: Ted Cooper, Marlene Eggerling, Walt Hackney, Jill Knaak, Randy Lentz, Larry Malone, David Pantle, Jack Reddall, Joe Roller, Ira Sanders, Pauline Smith, Steve Stachowiak, Chuck Walters, Chris Wood. (Partly cloudy; Wind, SW 0-15 MPH; 55-71°F). 227 miles by car, 6 miles on foot. 6:00 AM to 7:00 PM. (108 species; 2,516 individuals)

INDEPENDENT TRIP

Aug 29. Southeastern Colorado Big Day: Owling at Burnt Mill and Water Barrel Roads, Beulah, Ophir Creek Road and Blue Lakes and day birding at Blue Lakes, Ophir Creek Road, Percival Cabin, Rye area, Colorado City area, Burnt Mill Road, Pueblo area, Fowler, Lakes Meredith and Henry, Cheraw, Holbrook Reservoir and Rocky Ford SWA (SEC). Observers: Brandon Percival, Van Truan. (Clear to partly

cloudy; Wind, variable 0-20 MPH; 31-88°F). 316 mi by car, 3 mi on foot. 12:00 AM to 9:00 PM. (156 species; 11,871 individuals)

TUESDAY BIRDERS' TRIPS

Compiled by Monna Krebs

Aug 4. Kenosha Pass & west on Colorado Trail (KEN). Leader: Ann Bonnell. 22 observers. (Clear; Wind, NE 6-12 MPH; 70-85°F). 3 mi on foot. 4 hrs birding. (25 species, 131 individuals)

Aug 11. South Park (SOP). Leader: Else VanErp. 16 observers. (Intermittent showers; Calm; 65-75°F). 65 mi by car, 1 mi on foot. 6½ hrs birding. (63 species, 551 individuals)

Aug 18. Silverthorne, Blue River C.G. & Loveland Pass (SIL). Leader: Ann Bonnell. 27 observers. (Mostly clear; Wind, S 5 MPH; 65°F). 1 mi on foot. 4 hrs birding. (39 species, 236 individuals)

Aug 25. El Rancho to Grand Lake (ERG). Leaders: Ann Bonnell & Robin Yates. 18 observers. (Mostly clear; Wind, S 5-8 MPH; 49-65°F). 180 mi by car, 2 mi on foot. 5 hrs birding. (48 species, 446 individuals)

AUGUST HIGHLIGHTS

A total of 168 avian species were reported on the ten scheduled DFO field trips in August. 33 additional species were reported on an independent trip. Of the 94 species seen on four Tuesday Birders' trips, 5 were seen on no DFO or independent trip making a total of 206 species that are shown on Table 1 (pages 124-127).

Ruth Breckon led six observers on her trip to the Burland Ranchettes (BR) on a pleasant Saturday. They all enjoyed a close view of a Rufous Hummingbird at a feeder and saw the only Dusky Flycatcher of the month's trips.

The four folks who accompanied Bill Brockner in the Evergreen area (EV) viewed 10 Red Crossbills. The species was seen on three DFO trips during the month.

Joe and Normy Kamby and four observers on the trip to Genesee Park and Stapleton Drive (GEN) came up with a

respectable 50 species. A total of 34 Western and Mountain Bluebirds were counted and 18 Red Crossbills were seen.

Jackie King and two followers to Barr Lake State Park (BAR) enjoyed watching an adult American Coot with her two red-headed young. They also showed Bald Eagles to a group of birders from Wales.

Bob Spencer's trip over Guanella Pass (GUA) was enjoyed by a dozen observers. They spotted the only Gray Jays and Clark's Nutcrackers of the month's trips.

The nine folks who went with Ben Moore to north-central Colorado (NCC) had a good day. Among their better sightings were 130 Cattle Egrets, 50 McCown's Longspur, a Chestnut-collared Longspur and 3 Great-tailed Grackles.

Virginia Bleck filled in as an unscheduled leader to the Silverthorne-Blue River area (SIL). She and three followers spotted 5 species seen on no other DFO trip including Blue Grouse and Hermit Thrush.

Nothing unusual was seen by Cal Wicher and three followers to Bear Creek (BCK) but 8 Red-breasted Nuthatches were observed.

Ed Holub and ten followers to Chatfield State Park (CHA) had a good look at an early Pacific Loon. Other good birds seen were Semipalmated Plovers and 65 Cedar Waxwings.

Not unexpectedly, the best trip of the month was Joey Kellner's trip to north-eastern Colorado (NEC). Joey and 14 followers tabulated 108 species including at least 21 that were seen on no other DFO trip. Among the best of these were an early Merlin, a Peregrine Falcon, 60 Northern Bobwhite, a Short-billed Dowitcher and an early immature Herring Gull. An Eastern Screech-Owl was heard.

Correction of July Report

The Solitary Vireos reported on the independent trip to the Grand Junction area (GJA) in July were of the "Plumbeous" race, not the "Cassin's" race. The error is on page 16 of the August *Lark Bunting* (Vol. 27, No. 11).

TABLE 1: Birds Reported on August Field Trips

DATE AREA COVERED LIFE ZONES VISITED	Scheduled DFO Trips											Indep. 29 SEC PFM	Tuesday Birders			
	1	2	8	9	15	16	22	23	29	30	4		11	18	25	
	BR F	EV F	GEN PF	BAR P	GUA FM	NCC P	SIL M	BCK PF	CHA P	NEC P	KEN M		SOP V	SIL M	ERG FMV	
Pacific Loon									1							
Pied-billed Grebe				11		6				2		2				
Eared Grebe										4		15				
Western Grebe				10		20					2					
Clark's Grebe											226					
American White Pelican				23		90		7		75	270					7
Double-crested Cormorant			2	3		6		7	28	5						
Great Blue Heron	1			8		12		3	2	4	34		1			
Snowy Egret				2		15					6					
Cattle Egret						130					1					
Green-backed Heron											1					
Black-crowned Night-Heron				6		1			1	3	6					
White-faced Ibis						6					1					
Canada Goose			10	20		50			21	60	22			30		52
Wood Duck										5	21					
Green-winged Teal						50	1		4	18	1505			6	3	
Mallard	1	7		1	2	1500		3	2	25	239		10	5	20	4
Northern Pintail						10				2	175			2		
Blue-winged Teal						10					2337					
Cinnamon Teal						5					1			2		
"Blue-winged" Teal sp.										60	1572					
Northern Shoveler						40				2	80			2		
Gadwall						200			3		44			30		
American Wigeon										3	15			2		
Canvasback											1m		210	7		
Redhead											422					
Ring-necked Duck													4	15		
Common Goldeneye														4		
Common Merganser									9							
Ruddy Duck											2			60		
Turkey Vulture	1		2		2				2		13		2			
Osprey																4
Mississippi Kite											3					
Bald Eagle				1a1i												
Northern Harrier					2	2f					3			3		
Sharp-shinned Hawk			1		1											
Cooper's Hawk									1							1
Northern Goshawk														1		
Swainson's Hawk			1	19		28				24	4+1d			1		1
Red-tailed Hawk		3	2				1				6			6	4	1
western races	1				1	6		2		9						
Ferruginous Hawk											1+1d			6		
Buteo sp.											1					
Golden Eagle														1		
American Kestrel		1		2		13	1	3	2	64	22		1	4		3
Merlin										1f						
Peregrine Falcon										1i						
Prairie Falcon			1			1								5		1
Blue Grouse							1				2					
Northern Bobwhite										60	1H					
Scaled Quail											20					
Virginia Rail						1			1							
Sora						4				1	1H					
American Coot				1a2i		65				2	28		30	60		3
Snowy Plover											8					
Semipalmated Plover									2	1	3					
Killdeer				15		15			1	110	68			4		

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TABLE 1: August Field Trips (continued)

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DATE	1	2	8	9	15	16	22	23	29	30	29	4	11	18	25
AREA COVERED	BR	EV	GEN	BAR	GUA	NCC	SIL	BCK	CHA	NEC	SEC	KEN	SOP	SIL	ERG
LIFE ZONES VISITED	F	F	PF	P	FM	P	M	PF	P	P	PFM	M	V	M	FMV
Black-necked Stilt											2				
American Avocet											22				
Greater Yellowlegs						2				7	2				
Lesser Yellowlegs				2		1				67	35				
Solitary Sandpiper						1				7	1		2		
Spotted Sandpiper						1			1	3	2				4
Marbled Godwit										2					
Sanderling											1				
Semipalmated Sandpiper										5	3				
Western Sandpiper										2	8				
Least Sandpiper										30	31				
Baird's Sandpiper				5		7				170	31				
Pectoral Sandpiper										3					
Stilt Sandpiper										35	1				
Short-billed Dowitcher										1					
Long-billed Dowitcher						80				11	14		1		
Common Snipe						12				8					
Wilson's Phalarope						8				7	75		15		
Red-necked Phalarope											6				
Franklin's Gull				250		500			1	95	2500				
Ring-billed Gull				160		130		2	30	100	123			1	100
California Gull				5				1	3		2		1	2	
Herring Gull										1i					
Larus sp.							1								
Forster's Tern									2	2	25				
Black Tern						7				25	38				
Rock Dove			7	65		35		3		18	13				1
Mourning Dove				160		150		2	20	220	86				
Yellow-billed Cuckoo											1				
Greater Roadrunner											1a1i				
Barn Owl											1				
Eastern Screech-Owl										1H					
Great-horned Owl			1			2			1	3	2				
Burrowing Owl				2		3					1				
Common Nighthawk						45				2	3				
Chimney Swift						1				3	25				
Black-chinned Hummingbird											1f				
Broad-tailed Hummingbird	4	8	25		7		2		3		2f	4	4	10	8
Rufous Hummingbird	2	1	1		1						3				
Belted Kingfisher				2	1	3	2	2	9	3	2		1	1	5
Lewis' Woodpecker											6				
Red-headed Woodpecker						2				5	1a2i				
Red-naped Sapsucker							3						5	2	
Williamson's Sapsucker			4					1							
Ladder-backed Woodpecker											1				
Downy Woodpecker		1		2				2			2				
"Batchelder's" race					1										
eastern races									3	1					
Hairy Woodpecker								1			1				
"Rocky Mountain" race					1m										
eastern races										2					
Northern Flicker		2								6		3	3	3	4
"Yellow-shafted" race											3				
"Red-shafted" race	3		3	5	6	10	2	4	7		3				
Olive-sided Flycatcher		4	1							3	2				
Western Wood-Pewee	4	2	5	1	5	3		4	18	8	12		11	1	
Least Flycatcher						1				2					

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Dusky Flycatcher	1										1				
Gray Flycatcher										3					
Cordilleran Flycatcher		1	1							3			1		1
Empidonax sp.				1		1	2		1	3	3				
Say's Phoebe										1	3				
Cassin's Kingbird											7				
Western Kingbird				37		40			2	31	75				1
Eastern Kingbird				8		6			1	26	2				
Horned Lark				6		50				5	25		11		
Tree Swallow									2		40	6	3		
Violet-green Swallow	17	4	10		7						100	2	10	8	3
Northern Rough-winged Swallow						2				3	20				
Bank Swallow						15				3					
Cliff Swallow						80				25	2		4		8
Barn Swallow	6		7	80	1	450			2	210	135		2		6
Gray Jay					6						10				
Steller's Jay	1	4	4		8		5	2			13	2	1	4	2
Blue Jay				2		4				25	4				
Scrub Jay											2				
Pinyon Jay											1				
Clark's Nutcracker					3						18		4		
Black-billed Magpie		4	12	15	2	11	2	4	25	26	43		5	8	25
American Crow	15	1	8	2		10		7	3	13	1	2	6	60	75
Chihuahuan Raven											2				
Common Raven	3	2	1		8		6				38	1	20	2	2
Black-capped Chickadee	1		1	10					30	10	17				1
Mountain Chickadee	3	6	10		8		14	12			113	5	3	12	13
Red-breasted Nuthatch		1	7			5	21	8		1	8		3		5
White-breasted Nuthatch	5	2	7		1			2		1	5		1	3	2
Pygmy Nuthatch		4	6		15			3			7				15
Brown Creeper											6			1	3
Rock Wren									2		2				
Canyon Wren											1				
Bewick's Wren											2				
House Wren		2	8	1	3	2	6		5	18	13		25	3	
Marsh Wren						1				2					
American Dipper					1		1							1	
Golden-crowned Kinglet											2				
Ruby-crowned Kinglet							3				5	2		2	
Blue-gray Gnatcatcher											2				
Eastern Bluebird										8					
Western Bluebird	1	4	18		1			2							
Mountain Bluebird	2	2	16		15		2				2		6		20
Townsend's Solitaire		4	1		2			1			1				
Hermit Thrush							2					3		1	1
American Robin	3	2	33	8	2	10	4	4	35	85	44	3	2	6	9
Gray Catbird										1	2				
Northern Mockingbird											1				
Sage Thrasher											1				
Brown Thrasher						3				7	2				
American Pipit														1	2
Cedar Waxwing									65	63					
Loggerhead Shrike					1	6					3		1		
European Starling			6	50	2	800		16	75	135	191		10		10
Solitary Vireo															
"Plumbeous" race					2					1					
Warbling Vireo						11			1	6	2				

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Red-eyed Vireo										2						
Orange-crowned Warbler										2	1			3		
Virginia's Warbler											2			4		
Yellow Warbler						10	1			6	4			2		
Yellow-rumped Warbler																
"Audubon's" race	2	2	6		7		4				36	10	4		3	
Townsend's Warbler							1			3	3	4				
American Redstart									3	2m3f						
MacGillivray's Warbler			1				2		1	4	2			3		
Common Yellowthroat									1	2	2					
Wilson's Warbler					2	2			50	65	55					
Yellow-breasted Chat											1					
Western Tanager			1			1m1f		2	1		1m1f				1	
Black-headed Grosbeak						1										
Blue Grosbeak						1m					7					
Lazuli Bunting			5						3							
Green-tailed Towhee			8		2		1			1			2	1		
Rufous-sided Towhee			6						1		3					
Canyon Towhee											2					
Chipping Sparrow		1	61	35	3	2				150	43	2	5	4		
Clay-colored Sparrow										18						
Brewer's Sparrow						1										
Vesper Sparrow		1	8							2	5					
Lark Sparrow		1	1	25		2				10	5			1		
Lark Bunting				13		180				1f	7					
Savannah Sparrow									1		3		1			
Song Sparrow						1				1	2			1		
Lincoln's Sparrow										2	3					
White-crowned Sparrow											2			5	2	
"Gambel's" race					1i											
Dark-eyed Junco																
"Gray-headed" race	7				2			2			104	12	4	9	8	
McCown's Longspur						50										
Chestnut-collared Longspur						1m										
Red-winged Blackbird	3			5		1000	4			35	15		6	4	8	
Western Meadowlark		1	17			50		3	1	15	35		2			
Yellow-headed Blackbird				1		125				12	1		2			
Brewer's Blackbird					5	100				1m1f	90		40	1		
Great-tailed Grackle						3m										
Common Grackle			3	12		300	6			40	6		50	12	3	
Brown-headed Cowbird							2					3i			1	
Northern Oriole				3						2f						
"Bullock's" race		1														
Cassin's Finch			2		5						2				1	
House Finch	2	2	7	90	2	10		33	2	2	24					
Red Crossbill		10	18		3											
Pine Siskin	1		21		9			30	30		36			23	9	
Lesser Goldfinch									8							
"Green-backed" race											26					
"Black-backed" race			6		1						1					
American Goldfinch			2			8		2	40	3	10	4			4	
Evening Grosbeak			8		3						15					
House Sparrow				55	6	500				20	73				2	
TOTAL SPECIES	25	32	50	48	45	87	29	33	54	108	156	25	63	39	48	
TOTAL INDIVIDUALS	90	91	386	1260	169	7136	84	180	569	2516	11871	131	551	236	446	

Abbreviations used in Table 1: F = Foothills, H = Heard only, M = Mountains, P = Plains, V = intermontane Valleys, a = adult, f = female, d = dark phase, i = immature, m = male

ADDITIONAL AUGUST 1992 REPORTS

Instructions for submitting "Additional Reports"

1. Individual "Additional Reports" of interesting sightings made during the month are welcomed. However, the Editor reserves the right to publish only those reports that are deemed as unusual/rare or as augmenting the reports submitted by leaders of scheduled DFO field trips. For a guide as to the species that are of most interest see pages 81-84 of the *Lark Bunting*, Volume 27, Number 8 (May 1992).
2. The reports should be submitted in Sixth A.O.U. Check-List (1983, 1985, 1987, 1989, & 1991) order and include the date(s) of observation, number of birds seen, sex and plumage if possible, and specific location (please do not fail to include the county of occurrence). Refer to the *Lark Bunting*, Volume 27, Number 10 (July 1992), for a guide to preparing written documentation to support observations of extremely rare or accidental species as well as for those species that pose difficult field identification problems.
3. Deadline for receipt of all additional reports is the fifth of the following month. They should be sent to the Editor.

Brown Pelican 8/18-19 (1) NeeNoshe Reservoir, Kiowa Co. (DN)N
Great Egret 8/28 (5) Red Lion/Jumbo SWA, Logan Co. (JR)
Osprey 8/12 (1) Cherry Creek Reservoir SRA, Arapahoe Co. (JR); 8/21 (1) Chatfield SRA, Douglas Co. (KS); 8/30 (3) Pueblo Reservoir, Pueblo Co. (BP,MJ)
Northern Goshawk 8/2 (1a) 5 mi. north of San Isabel, Custer Co. (PB)
Peregrine Falcon 8/12 (1) About 13 mi. north of San Isabel, Custer Co. (BP)
Blue Grouse 8/20 (3) Near Critchell, Jefferson Co. (AH)
Wild Turkey 8/12 (5a) 5 mi. north of San Isabel (BP)
Black-bellied Plover 8/12&26 (1a) Cherry Creek Reservoir SRA (JR)
Short-billed Dowitcher 8/18 (3i?) Lower Latham Reservoir, Weld Co. (KS)S
Yellow-billed Cuckoo 8/20 (2) Prewitt Reservoir SWA, Washington Co. (JR,NL,TC)
Calliope Hummingbird 8/8 (1m1f) Near Castlewood Canyon SP, Douglas Co. (AS,JT,KP); 8/1 (5m2f) Between Colorado City & Percival Cabin, Pueblo & Custer Cos. (BP,VT)
Three-toed Woodpecker 8/15 (2m) 5 mi. north of San Isabel (BP)
Eastern Wood-Pewee 8/1 (1s) Colorado City, Pueblo Co. (BP)S(VT)
Great Crested Flycatcher 8/27 (1) Wheat Ridge Greenbelt, Jefferson Co. (PH)
Mountain Chickadee 8/15,17&19 (2) 4400 Bow Mar Dr., Bow Mar, Arapahoe Co. (TJ)
 (These birds nested at the address in May)
Bushtit 8/11 (4) Conifer Atlas Block, Jefferson Co. (MB)
Red-breasted Nuthatch 8/11,14&21 (1,2,1) 4400 Bow Mar Dr., Bow Mar (TJ)
Golden-crowned Kinglet 8/4 (1ms) Road 103, Roosevelt Nat. Forest, Larimer Co. (KS)
Curve-billed Thrasher 8/11 (1) 835 Harmony Dr., Pueblo West, Pueblo Co. (BP)
Cedar Waxwing 8/26 (29 incl. 2f feeding young) Waterton Canyon, Jefferson Co. (HK)
White-eyed Vireo 8/16-18 (1s) Olive Marsh, Pueblo, Pueblo Co. (BP)S(MJ)F
Bell's Vireo 8/28 (1s) Tamarack Ranch SWA, Logan Co. (JR)
Nashville Warbler 8/21 (1) Olive Marsh (BP)S
Black-throated Gray Warbler 8/10&11 (1m) Conifer Atlas Block (MB)
Townsend's Warbler 8/28 (1m1f) 2695 Newland St., Denver, Denver Co. (PE)
Northern Waterthrush 8/16-18 (2) Olive Marsh (BP,MJ,VT)
Field Sparrow 8/1-5 (3) Hammit SWA, Prowers Co. (DN)
Eastern Meadowlark 8/1-5 (1) Hammit SWA (DN)
Pine Grosbeak 8/2 (3m1f) Blue Lakes, Huerfano Co. (BP,TB)
Lesser Goldfinch 8/26 (28 incl. 1f feeding young) Waterton Canyon (HK)

ABBREVIATIONS used above: F = rare-bird Form completed, N = No details, S = Some details given, a = adult, f = female, i = immature, m = male, s = singing or calling

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COLORADO BIRD REPORT IN AUGUST

According to Duane Nelson, species reported to the Colorado Bird Report that are not reported otherwise in this issue include Caspian Terns at Ish Reservoir in Boulder County, Blackburnian Warbler at Hannah Ranch in El Paso County, and Black-and-white Warblers at three localities.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Nelson Replaces Menough on the Colorado Bird Report

Due to business demands, Scott Menough has had to give up work on the Colorado Bird Report and Duane Nelson has agreed to take over the job. We are all grateful to Scott for the excellent job he has done for the last 20 months. As most members know, the Bird Report number is now 279-3076.

Colorado Wetlands Conference

A conference on Colorado wetlands sponsored by the Colorado Native Plant Society and the Denver Museum of Natural History will be held on October 3 in the Ricketson Auditorium of the Museum. Walk in registration (no fee) will be from 8:15 to 8:45 AM. The conference will run from 9:00 AM to 4:00 PM. In the morning Dr. Ronald Ryder will talk on "The Importance of Wetlands to Wildlife". For more information call Tina Jones at 759-9701.

October Bird Classes at Chatfield Arboretum

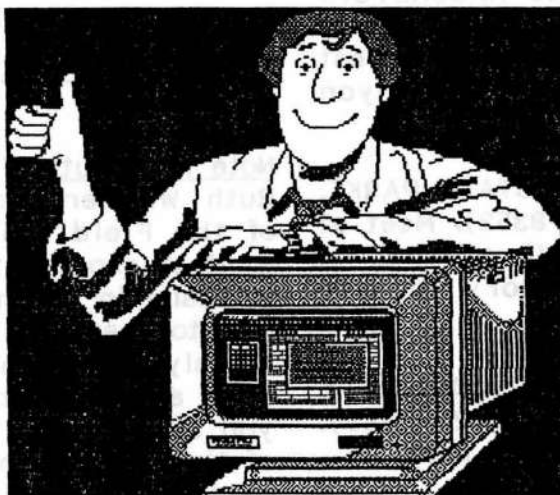
Tina Jones will conduct classes on the "Birds of Colorado and their Habitats" for beginning birders. The classes will be held from 6:30 PM to 8:30 PM on Tuesdays, October 6 and 13 at the Chatfield Arboretum. Register through the Denver Botanic Gardens at 370-8041 or 370-8019 (fee required).

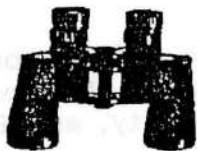
Thompson Marsh Home from Hospital

Thompson Marsh, a charter DFO member, is at home recuperating from injuries incurred in an accident which put him in the hospital for several weeks. The accident occurred while Thompson was birding in southwestern Colorado.

New Lark Bunting Editor Needed

The present editor of the *Lark Bunting* will retire after completion of the March 1993 issue. Anyone interested in taking the job should contact Norm Erthal (424-6747) or Joey Kellner (978-1748). The sooner the job is filled the more help the new editor will get from the old one in getting started with the job.





OCTOBER DFO FIELD TRIPS

Call the Colorado Bird Report at 279-3076 before going on a field trip to determine if there have been any cancellations or changes in schedules.

TIPS FOR HELPING FIELD TRIP LEADERS

Carpool if possible so the leader will have few cars to keep track of and get parked at stops. (Carpooling also saves gasoline and reduces air pollution.)

Stay reasonably close to the group whether in cars or on foot.

Do not leave the group without notifying the leader.

TRANSPORTATION COSTS ON FIELD TRIPS

Everyone is expected to share in the mileage expenses on scheduled DFO field trips. The suggested share is 10 cents per mile divided by the number of people in the car including the driver.

Oct 3, Saturday. BEAR CREEK - PLAINS TO FOOTHILLS. Leader: Cal Wichern (693-3718). Meet at 8:00 AM east of Pancake House in Bear Valley Shopping Center on S. Sheridan north of US-285 (Hampden). £

Oct 4, Sunday. WHEAT RIDGE GREENBELT. Leader: Diana Mullineaux (278-7245). Meet at 8:00 AM at Prospect Park Lake south of W. 44th Ave. near Robb St. £

Oct 10, Saturday. CHATFIELD ARBORETUM. Leader: Bobby Ausfahl (798-0552). Meet at 7:30 AM at gate to arboretum (just west of S. Wadsworth on Deer Creek Canyon Road). ö

Oct 11, Sunday. BARR LAKE STATE PARK*. Leader: David Pantle (333-8352). Meet at 7:30 AM at east end of north parking lot of Museum of Natural History in City Park. ö

Oct 17, Saturday. CHATFIELD STATE PARK*. Leader: Phil Hayes (425-5448). Meet at 7:30 AM at west gate of park. £

Oct 18, Sunday. CHERRY CREEK RESERVOIR STATE PARK*. Leader: Randy Lentz

(777-7101). Meet at 7:30 AM at west gate of park (east of Cherry Creek H.S., 9300 E. Union). £

Oct 24, Saturday. ADAMS COUNTY RAMBLINGS. Leader: Jackie King (287-1644). Meet at 7:30 AM at east end of north parking lot of Museum of Natural History in City Park. £

Oct 24 & 25, Saturday & Sunday. MONTE VISTA NWR FOR CRANES. Leader: Alan Hay (422-0239). Meet to carpool at 7:00 AM at Park-&-Ride on west side of S. Wadsworth just south of US-285 (Hampden). Register with leader. On Saturday visit NWR for crane tour. Spend night at Best Western Manor Motor Inn (719-852-5921) west of town on US-160. On Sunday visit Home Lake, Alamosa NWR, Smith Reservoir SWA, Lathrop State Park. £

Oct 31, Saturday. BOULDER AREA. Leader: Bob Jickling (499-4977). Meet to carpool at 7:30 AM south of W. 38th Ave. on Vance St. (one block east of Wadsworth). Park on street east of church parking lot. Meet leader at 8:15 AM on north side of U.S. Dept. of Commerce Boulder Laboratories (from US-36 take Baseline exit and turn left, turn left again at next light, cross street at next light onto lab grounds). £

£ Bring lunch

ö Half-day trip. Lunch optional.

* Park pass required for vehicles

Submitted by:

Mort Staatz (279-6169)

Ruth Breckon (455-0970)

Note from Ruth Wheeler

Ruth Wheeler, retiring long-time member of the Field Trip Committee writes: "I want to express the pleasure it has been to assist in planning bird trips for D.F.O. and to thank all the people who so graciously consented to lead trips. It has been a joy to work with you and I love you all. You are most vital to the welfare of the club. Ruth Breckon has been wonderful to work with and I am delighted with Mort Staatz as a replacement. I will continue to be interested in the trips."

DENVER FIELD ORNITHOLOGISTS - Membership Information

WELCOME TO THE D.F.O.

PURPOSE: The prime objective of the club is to promote interest in the study and preservation of birds and their habitats. Members are encouraged to learn about birds in the field noting species and numbers and at the same time learning their songs and calls as well as habits and habitats.

REGULAR MEETINGS: The general meetings are held each month (except June, July, August and December) at 7:30 PM at the Denver Museum of Natural History. Dates and subjects of the meetings are reported on the Colorado Bird Report (279-3076) and in the club bulletin. The meetings are open to the public without charge.

FIELD TRIPS: These are scheduled for almost every Saturday and Sunday throughout the year to a variety of habitats near Denver. Occasionally special trips are arranged to good birding areas in other parts of Colorado. Usually it is necessary to bring a lunch and to wear sturdy hiking shoes or boots. Carpooling is encouraged to get the most from bird watching as well as to save time and energy. Carpooling cost is 10 cents per mile divided by the number of passengers including the driver.

BULLETIN: A monthly bulletin, *The Lark Bunting*, is issued listing field trips scheduled. A complete list of birds seen on the previous month's trips is given in checklist order as are interesting sightings reported by members.

D.F.O. COLORADO BIRD REPORT (303-279-3076)

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REGULAR MONTHLY MEETING ON THE FIRST WEDNESDAY, SEPTEMBER THROUGH MAY, EXCEPT FOR DECEMBER, AT 7:30 PM, DENVER MUSEUM OF NATURAL HISTORY, RICKETSON AUDITORIUM

NEXT MEETING WEDNESDAY, NOVEMBER 4, 1992

PROGRAM: Bob Righter will talk about the new "Colorado Birds" that he coauthored with Bob Andrews. Books will be on sale on discount at the meeting and Bob will sign.

***** COLORADO BIRD REPORT - 279-3076 *****

SEPTEMBER 1992 FIELD TRIP SUMMARIES

September 19, Saturday (RIG)
Rigli Ranch and surroundings. Leader: Joe Rigli. Observers: Bob & Eric Bierling, Marc Kelly, Karleen Schofield. (Mostly cloudy; Calm; 15-26°C). 30 km by car, 3 km on foot. 0900-1730. (46 species, 449 individuals)

September 20, Sunday (BDR)
Boulder area: Dowdy Draw, Baseline Reservoir, Walden Ponds. Leaders: Suzi & Myron Plooster. Observers: Ursula Barsch, Kathlyn Holt, Chuck Lowrie, Caroly Murray, Karleen Schofield. (Cloudy to clear; Wind, W 0-30 KPH; 15-27°C). 25 km by car, 3 km on foot. 0830-1500. (59 species; 1,160 individuals)

September 26, Saturday (SPR)
South Platte River Park and McLellan Reservoir. Leader: Ed Holub. Observers: Kathy Holt, Irv Jackson, Clint Jones, Sue Kane, David Liboff, Karleen Schofield. (Clear; Wind, SW 0-5 KPH; 3-22°C). 4 km by car, 5 km on foot. 0730-1530. (52 species, 549 individuals)

September 27, Sunday (ROX)
Roxborough State Park. Leader: Mort Staatz. Observers: Ursula Barsch, George

and Shirley Collings, Hilda Eichenberger, Karleen Schofield, Eleanor White, Virgil Williams. (Clear to partly cloudy; Calm; 10-26°C). 3 km by car, 8 km on foot. 0800-1230. (20 species, 128 individuals)

1992 FALL COUNT

Coordinator: Norm Erthal
Compiler: Phil Hayes

September 12, Saturday:
LOWER BEAR CREEK & MARSTON RESERVOIR (LBC). Leader: Mary Jane Schock. Observers: Barbara Bridges, Bill Brockner, Barbara Fay, Irv Jackson, Clint Jones, Bob Spencer, Mort Staatz, Virgil Williams. (Cloudy to mostly cloudy; Wind 0-8 KPH; 17-28°C). 37 km by car, 13 km on foot. 0700-1600. (72 species; 2,838 individuals)

CHATFIELD STATE PARK (CHA). Leader: Joey Kellner. Observers: Walt Hackney, J. B. Hayes, Ed Holub, Kim Potter, Scott Yarberry. (Wind, S 5-20 KPH; 14-31°C). 37 km by car, 7 km on foot. 0630-1721. (82 species, 758 individuals)

WATERTON (WAT). Leader: Dick Pratt. Observers: Bev DuGay, Hugh Kingery, David Pantle. (Clear; 21-27°C). 16 km by car, 3 km on foot. 0700-1600. (76 species, 865 individuals)

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The *Lark Bunting* has been published monthly since October 1965 for members of the Denver Field Ornithologists, Zoology Dept., Denver Museum of Natural History, 2001 Colorado Blvd., Denver, CO 80205.

The Denver Field Ornithologists was organized as the Colorado Bird Club in 1935 and membership is open to anyone interested in the birds of the Denver area in particular and the birds of Colorado in general. The organization presents monthly evening programs (except in the summer) and conducts about 100 field trips annually.

Regular individual or family membership is \$10 per year. Senior citizen (age 65 or older) membership is \$8 per year. Student (age 18 or younger) membership is \$5 per year. Applications for membership should be addressed to the Treasurer (see address below). A membership application form is usually attached to the back of the *Lark Bunting*.

Notification of change of address should be sent to the Treasurer. The *Lark Bunting* is sent by 2nd class mail and will not be forwarded.

Members who fail to receive the *Lark Bunting* by the 25th of the month should contact the Editor (Tel. 425-5448) as he normally has extra copies. Those who fail to receive the *Lark Bunting* for two or more successive months should contact the Treasurer in writing.

Notices or announcements of classes, lectures, special field trips, etc. relating to birds that are intended for inclusion in the *Lark Bunting* should be received in the mail by the Editor no later than the 5th of the month of issue. The Editor reserves the right to accept or refuse and to edit the announcement(s).

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Fall Count Summaries (continued)

September 13, Sunday:

BARR LAKE STATE PARK (BAR). Leader: Bob Richter. Observers: Dick Pratt, Dick Schottler. (Clear; 13-28°C). 10 km by car, 6 km on foot. 0630-1400. (76 species; 2,897 individuals)

BARR LAKE PERIPHERY: Mile-High Duck Club, Ireland Reservoir #5, Banner Lakes SWA, Prospect Reservoir (PER). Leader: Phil Hayes. Observers: Virginia Bleck, Patty Echelmeyer, David Pantle. (Mostly cloudy to mostly clear; Wind, N 0-15 KPH; 11-31°C). 68 km by car, 3 km on foot. 0620-1605. (74 species; 7,367 individuals)

CASTLEWOOD CANYON STATE PARK (CCP). Leader: Randy Lentz. Observers: Walt Hackney, Bette Jean Ingui, Diane Koshak. (Partly cloudy; Wind, SW 0-15 KPH; 9-27°C). 26 km by car, 10 km on foot. 0545-1730. (58 species, 660 individuals)

ROCKY MOUNTAIN ARSENAL (RMA). Leader: Urling Kingery. Observers: Kitty Albee, Ursula Barsch, Peter Gillette, Deana Hruby, Clint Jones, Hugh Kingery, Bill & June Kistler, Deb Ostergard. (Weather good). 32 km by car, 3 km on foot. 0645-1330. (65 species; 1,147 individuals)

September 16, Wednesday

CHERRY CREEK RESERVOIR STATE PARK (CCR). Leader: Mort Staatz. Observers: Marlene Eggerling, Karleen Schofield, Joe TenBrink. (Clear to partly cloudy; Wind 0-3 KPH; 10-29°C). 7 km by car, 5 km on foot. 0630-1330. (47 species, 681 individuals)

SEPTEMBER HIGHLIGHTS

A total of 109 avian species were reported on the four scheduled DFO field trips in September. Of 155 species that were recorded in the eight Fall-Count areas, 60 were not seen on any of the regular trips making a grand total of 169 species that are shown on Table 1 (pages 3-6). The Tuesday Birders, whose trips are usually shown on the table, saw 9 species that are not shown on the table. The results of their trips are shown on pages 7-8.

The folks that followed Joe Rigli around his ranch and surroundings (RIG) viewed 6 species that were seen on no other trip including an early Merlin, a Long-eared Owl, a Tennessee Warbler and 50 McCown's Longspurs.

Suzi and Myron Plooster's trip to the Boulder area (BDR) produced 5 species that were not seen on other trips. Among these were 4 Canvasbacks and 10 early Herring Gulls.

Three different species seen on Ed Holub's trip to South Platte River Park and McLellan Reservoir (SPR) were Snowy Egret (2), Prairie Falcon, and American Pipit (2).

Mort Staatz' trip to Roxborough State Park (ROX) came up with only 20 species none of which were particularly noteworthy. The participants did see 3 species of Jay including 12 Blue Jays.

Every one of the eight Fall-Count trips* had at least one species that was seen on no other trip of the month. Some of the better sightings include:

A Philadelphia Vireo in the Lower Bear Creek (LBC) area;

Three Virginia's Warblers at Chatfield State Park (CHA);

Chestnut-sided Warbler and Black-throated Gray Warbler at Waterton (WAT);

Sixteen shorebird species at Barr Lake (BAR) including 5 that were seen on no other trip. The best of these was a Short-billed Dowitcher;

Three adult and 2 young Clark's Grebes (along with 8 adult and 2 young Western Grebes) in the Barr Lake Periphery area (PER). Also seen in the area was a "Cassin's" race Solitary Vireo and an American Redstart;

A late Eastern Kingbird and 10 Western Bluebirds at Castlewood Canyon State (CCP) (5 Mountain Bluebirds were also seen);

A Red-eyed Vireo and Indigo Bunting at Rocky Mountain Arsenal (RMA); and

A single Lark Bunting at Cherry Creek Reservoir State Park (CCR).

Counting species seen on all of the regularly scheduled and Fall-Count trips and that were reported as "Additional Reports" or on the Colorado Bird Report (page 7), a total of 23 species of warbler are shown for September in Colorado in this issue of the *Lark Bunting*. This compares to 22 species last year and to an average of 20.25 species in the last eight Septembers (1984 through 1991).

* See page 9 for some comparisons of the 1992 Fall Count with those of previous years.

TABLE 1: Birds Reported on September 1992 Field Trips
Scheduled DFO Trips

Scheduled DFO Trips				Annual Fall Count										FALL COUNT TOTAL
19 RIG P	20 BDR P	26 SPR P	27 ROX F	DATE AREA COVERED LIFE ZONES VISITED	12 LBC P	12 CHA P	12 WAT F	13 BAR P	13 PER P	13 CCP F	13 RMA P	16 CCR P		
	6	2		Common Loon	2	1							3	
	4			Pied-billed Grebe	7	1		1	17	3	2	3	34	
				Horned Grebe										
				Eared Grebe	2							5	7	
	1	2		Western Grebe		1		5	8a21		3	20	39	
		1		Clark's Grebe					3a21				5	
	3			American White Pelican	5	1		60	24			15	105	
1	4	20		Double-crested Cormorant	39	33	6	6	14		2	60	160	
	1	12		Great Blue Heron	3	3	3	10	7		3	8	37	
		2		Snowy Egret										
		8		Black-crowned Night-Heron			1	1					2	
	60	32		Canada Goose	89	45		500	420		8	17	1079	
		7		Wood Duck			10	6					16	
	6	6		Green-winged Teal			74	80	400		146	30	730	
	24	80		Mallard	138	15	50	80	1100		13	28	1424	
	6			Northern Pintail				15					15	
100				Blue-winged Teal					5				5	
				Cinnamon Teal					5				5	
				"Blue-winged" Teal sp.	5	2		10			50		67	
				Northern Shoveler	29		3	30	1		2		65	

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TABLE 1: September 1992 Field Trips (continued)

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	100	25 12		Gadwall	42			10	2				54
	4			American Wigeon	14	1		8			25		48
		4		Canvasback									
	6			Redhead	97				5				102
				Ring-necked Duck	10								10
	2			Lesser Scaup									
		4		Hooded Merganser	1i	1f							2
	2			Common Merganser	1	10	7						18
	4	1		Ruddy Duck	4			12	5				21
				Turkey Vulture	2	3				60			65
2	1		1	Osprey		2	1			1		1	5
		1		Northern Harrier					1f1i		2		4
	1			Sharp-shinned Hawk	1	2							3
				Cooper's Hawk			2		1	1i	2		6
				Swainson's Hawk	4	1		1	8		4		18
2	6		1	Red-tailed Hawk			1	1			21	1	42
1		4		western races	4	5			5+1d	3			
				Ferruginous Hawk				1			5		6
	3			<i>Buteo sp.</i>							3		3
1	1			Golden Eagle		1	2						3
				American Kestrel	5	3	4	1	3	4	20		40
1				Merlin									
2		1		Prairie Falcon									
	2			Ring-necked Pheasant				5	1				6
				Virginia Rail		1			3				4
				Sora					2				2
8	200	25		American Coot	417	3	4	1	19		12	10	466
	50	12		Killdeer	6	6		50	270		13	9	354
				American Avocet				10	1				11
	12	2		Greater Yellowlegs				5	4		1		10
	20			Lesser Yellowlegs				25	16		17		58
		1		Solitary Sandpiper				2	1		1		4
		1		Spotted Sandpiper	2	4	1	8				3	18
				Sanderling				3					3
				Semipalmated Sandpiper	7			2					9
				Western Sandpiper				2					2
			1	Least Sandpiper				10	10			1	21
				Baird's Sandpiper				60	8		3		71
				Pectoral Sandpiper				8					8
				Stilt Sandpiper				80					80
				<i>Calidris sp.</i>			1						1
				Short-billed Dowitcher				1					1
				Long-billed Dowitcher					13				13
	3	3		Common Snipe				1	9				10
				Wilson's Phalarope				8					8
	30			Franklin's Gull	30			3			12	15	60
	100	8		Ring-billed Gull	70	50	5	20	250			95	490
	10			California Gull	30	43	1	20	1		1	3	99
	10			Herring Gull									
				<i>Larus sp.</i>				200					200
				Common Tern		1						2	3
				Forster's Tern		1			1			3	5
				Black Tern		1		3					4
20	10	3	12	Rock Dove	47	45	56	6	22	8	2	6	192
	4	9	1	Mourning Dove	23	21	18	200	50	3	64	9	388
				Eastern Screech-Owl				1					1
1		2		Great-horned Owl	1	2		1	2		3		9

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1	60			Burrowing Owl Long-eared Owl Common Nighthawk Common Poorwill White-throated Swift Broad-tailed Hummingbird			2		1	3	2		3 6 5 1
3	3 1 1	14 1		Belted Kingfisher Lewis' Woodpecker Red-naped Sapsucker Downy Woodpecker eastern races	4 1 5	4 1m 7	5 1 8		1f 2	2 2	4 2 8	1 1	21 3 5 39
1 6	2	17	1 7	Hairy Woodpecker "Rocky Mountain" race eastern races Northern Flicker "Red-shafted" race	1 43		1 16 8		1 6	1 11	1 9		5 123
1 1 1				Western Wood-Pewee Cordilleran Flycatcher <i>Empidonax</i> sp. Say's Phoebe Western Kingbird	2 1	2 3	12 2 1 5	1	1				18 5 2 13
20				Eastern Kingbird Horned Lark Tree Swallow Violet-green Swallow Cliff Swallow		20	4 2 5	6 1	4	1	1		1 31 5 2 6
30 10	100 3 10	60 16 20	1 12 15 1	Barn Swallow Steller's Jay Blue Jay Scrub Jay Black-billed Magpie	55 22 122	9 1 19	60 2 10	30 25	570 5 9	8 7 8 7	6 1 127	15 1 30	753 7 33 10 349
	5 8 5	7 35	7	American Crow Common Raven Black-capped Chickadee Mountain Chickadee Red-breasted Nuthatch	7 13 1 7	55 32 1	12 3 42			14 12 18 25		2 8 1	90 3 153 19 34
2 1 1			1 2	White-breasted Nuthatch Brown Creeper Rock Wren Canyon Wren House Wren		2	1 2 6	1 1 10		3 6 3 9		1 1	6 3 9 3 43
2 1 4		1	2	Ruby-crowned Kinglet Blue-gray Gnatcatcher Western Bluebird Mountain Bluebird Townsend's Solitaire	2	1 1	12	1	1	8 10 5 3	1		5 22 10 5 3
1 12 1	40	15	35	Swainson's Thrush American Robin Gray Catbird Sage Thrasher American Pipit	111	36 5 3	80 1 10	12	3	25	51 2	2	320 6 15
1 1 7	25			Cedar Waxwing Loggerhead Shrike European Starling Solitary Vireo "Plumbeous" race "Cassin's" race	15 264	16 1 40 1	110 1 14			20 1 35 2			161 3 4062 5

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1				Warbling Vireo Philadelphia Vireo Red-eyed Vireo Tennessee Warbler	1		1				1		1 1 1	
	1	2		Orange-crowned Warbler Virginia's Warbler Yellow Warbler Chestnut-sided Warbler	8	6 3		1 1	2	2			19 3 1 1	
2		4 8		Yellow-rumped Warbler "Myrtle" race "Audubon's" race Black-throated Gray Warbler Townsend's Warbler American Redstart MacGillivray's Warbler Common Yellowthroat	2 4	25	1 1	40 20	6 4		16 2	20 1	115 36 1 3 20	
70	2	6		Wilson's Warbler Yellow-breasted Chat Western Tanager Black-headed Grosbeak	5 3	19 2 2	16 1 2	25 1 1	14	3 1 2	13	2	99 3 9 4	
2 2	12		18	Lazuli Bunting Indigo Bunting Green-tailed Towhee Rufous-sided Towhee		1 1					1 2		1 1 12 53	
20 50	20 2			Chipping Sparrow Clay-colored Sparrow Brewer's Sparrow Vesper Sparrow	11 23	9 1 1 3	2 6 1 16	10	34 21	15 35	109 28		190 7 2 126	
5				Lark Sparrow Lark Bunting Savannah Sparrow Grasshopper Sparrow	2 1		4			10	2 8	1	18 1 9	
1 1 20	24	3 3	2	Song Sparrow Lincoln's Sparrow White-crowned Sparrow "Gambel's" race	10 3	7 1 16	6 4	3 3 1	4 1	2 12	8 1 1	4	44 5 38	
2 1				Dark-eyed Junco "Oregon" race "Pink-sided" race "Gray-headed" race					2				2	
50 15 1	3 3 6	12		McCown's Longspur Red-winged Blackbird Western Meadowlark Yellow-headed Blackbird Brewer's Blackbird	608 5	8 2	20 4	40 7 5	1280 13 11	10 1 1		60 4 1 90	2026 58 18 90	
	12	12 13		Common Grackle House Finch Red Crossbill Pine Siskin	109 187 1	10 10			3 4		13	70 4	192 220 5 164	
				Lesser Goldfinch "Green-backed" race American Goldfinch Evening Grosbeak House Sparrow		1 15	35 10 1			60			96 72 1 159	
46	59	52	20	TOTAL SPECIES	72	82	76	76	74	58	65	47	155	
449	1160	549	128	TOTAL INDIVIDUALS	2838	758	865	2897	7367	660	1147	681	17213	

Abbreviations used in Table 1: F = Foothills, M = Mountains, P = Plains, a = adult, d = dark phase, f = female, i = immature, m = male

Short-billed Dowitcher 9/9 (4i) Arapaho NWR, Jackson Co. (BR)
Red-necked Phalarope 9/24 (4) Lower Latham Reservoir (JH)
Barn Owl 9/5 (1) Hasty, Bent Co. (KS,ME)
Boreal Owl 9/27 (1H) Deep Lake Atlas Block, Garfield Co. (DB)
Calliope Hummingbird 9/6 (1f) Near Boulder, Boulder Co. (BP,SS)
Three-toed Woodpecker 9/6 (1m) Mt. Evans SWA, Clear Creek Co. (AS)
Nashville Warbler 9/24 (1) Wheat Ridge Greenbelt, Jefferson Co. (PH,MS)
Blackburnian Warbler 9/26 (1i) Lake Henry, Crowley Co. (BP)F(SW)
Northern Parula 9/14 (1m) Wheat Ridge Greenbelt (JH)
Chestnut-sided Warbler 9/28 (1) 4400 BowMar Drive, Arapahoe Co. (TJ)
Northern Waterthrush 9/5 (1) Wheat Ridge Greenbelt (BP,JT,mo)
Rosy Finch 9/10 (200) Above 14,000 ft (4,267m) in Dolores Co. (DN)
Pine Grosbeak 9/16 (8) Near Buckskin Pass, Pitkin Co. (DN)

 ABBREVIATIONS used above: F = rare-bird Form submitted, H = Heard only, S = Some details given, a = adult, f = female, i = immature, m = male

CONTRIBUTORS and OTHER OBSERVERS: AH = Alan & Dee Hay, AS = Aaron Sell, BP = Brandon Percival, BR = Bob Righter, DB = Dan Bridges, DN = Duane Nelson, KS = Karleen Schofield, JH = J.B. Hayes, JT = Joe TenBrink, ME = Marlene Eggerling, MS = Mort Staatz, PH = Phil Hayes, SS = Scott Seltman, SW = Sylvia Wheelock, TJ = Tina Jones, mo = many others

COLORADO BIRD REPORT IN SEPTEMBER

According to Duane Nelson, species reported to Colorado Bird Report in September that are not shown otherwise in this issue include Pacific Loon, Buff-breasted Sandpiper, Laughing Gull, Caspian Tern, Yellow-throated Vireo, Magnolia Warbler, Prairie Warbler, Palm Warbler, Prothonotary Warbler, Ovenbird, and Mourning Warbler.

TUESDAY BIRDERS' TRIPS

Compiled by Monna Krebs

Sep 1. LOS LAGOS NEAR NEDERLAND. Leaders: Ann Bonnell & Phyllis Baldwin. 42 observers. (Mostly cloudy w/ some drizzle; Wind, N 8-15 KPH; 9-17°C). 105 km by car, 3 km on foot. 4½ hrs birding (32 species, 382 individuals): Mallard 2, Cooper's Hawk 1, Red-tailed Hawk 1, American Kestrel 2, Spotted Sandpiper 1, Broad-tailed Hummingbird 10, Rufous Hummingbird 1, Downy Woodpecker 2, Hairy Woodpecker 2, Northern Flicker 4, Steller's Jay 4, American Crow 2, Common Raven 5, Mountain Chickadee 20, White-breasted Nuthatch 4, Pygmy Nuthatch 8, Ruby-crowned Kinglet 4, Mountain Bluebird 62, Townsend's Solitaire 2, American Robin 1, Orange-crowned Warbler 1, Yellow-rumped Warbler 100, Townsend's Warbler 1, MacGillivray's Warbler 1, Chipping Sparrow 41, Lark Sparrow 1, Savannah Sparrow 2, Song Sparrow 2, White-crowned Sparrow 1, Dark-eyed Junco 58, Cassin's Finch 1, Pine Siskin 35.

Sep 8. CHATFIELD SP. Leader: Ann Bonnell. 33 observers. (Clear; Wind, SW 8-15 KPH; 11-27°C). 5 km on foot. 4½ hrs birding. (50 species, 431 individuals): Eared Grebe 5, Double-crested Cormorant 4, Great Blue Heron 5, Black-crowned Night-Heron 2, Canada Goose 21, Mallard 20, Northern Harrier 1, Golden Eagle 1, American Kestrel 4, American Coot 5, Spotted Sandpiper 1, Ring-billed Gull 22, California Gull 3, Black Tern 8, Rock Dove 5, Mourning Dove 21, Broad-tailed Hummingbird 1, Belted Kingfisher 1, Lewis' Woodpecker 1, Downy Woodpecker 2, Northern Flicker 3, Western Wood-Pewee 3, Western Kingbird 8, Violet-green Swallow 6, Barn Swallow 2, Black-billed Magpie 12, Black-capped Chickadee 22, Rock Wren 5, House Wren 1, American Robin 9, Gray Catbird 1, Cedar Waxwing 14, European Starling 12, Solitary Vireo 1, Orange-crowned Warbler 1, Virginia's Warbler 1, Yellow-rumped Warbler 5, Wilson's Warbler 7, Western Tanager 3, Blue Grosbeak 2, Chipping Sparrow 5, Vesper Sparrow 7, Savannah Sparrow 3, Song Sparrow 2, Red-winged Blackbird 136, Western Meadowlark 7, Brewer's Blackbird 1, House Finch 5, Lesser Goldfinch 12, American Goldfinch 2.

Sep 15. COLORADO TRAIL EAST FROM KENOSHA PASS; MILLIGAN LAKES. Leader: Else VanErp. 20 observers. (Partly cloudy; Wind, NE 13-25 KPH; 18-28°C). 6½ km on foot. 4 hrs birding. (34 species, 354 individuals): Pied-billed Grebe 1, Eared Grebe 1, Mallard 40, "Teal" species 10, Gadwall 30,

Ring-necked Duck 10, Lesser Scaup 4, Common Goldeneye 4, Bufflehead 10, Ruddy Duck 15, Northern Harrier 1, Red-tailed Hawk 6, Ferruginous Hawk 2, Golden Eagle 1, Prairie Falcon 1, American Coot 52, Wilson's Phalarope 10, Common Nighthawk 1, Red-naped Sapsucker 1, Northern Flicker 2, Horned Lark 25, Barn Swallow 3, Gray Jay 10, Steller's Jay 1, Clark's Nutcracker 2, Black-billed Magpie 8, Common Raven 15, Mountain Chickadee 20, Mountain Bluebird 40, American Robin 4, Vesper Sparrow 4, Dark-eyed Junco 16, Brewer's Blackbird 1, Brown-headed Cowbird 3.

Sep 22. ALDERFER-THREE SISTERS OPEN-SPACE PARK. Leader: Else VanErp. 18 observers. (Clear; Wind, S 8-15 KPH; 17-24°C). 3 km on foot. 4 hrs birding. (23 species, 166 individuals): Turkey Vulture 1, Red-tailed Hawk 1, Steller's Jay 6, Black-billed Magpie 7, American Crow 5, Common Raven 2, Mountain Chickadee 22, Red-breasted Nuthatch 18, White-breasted Nuthatch 4, Pygmy Nuthatch 10, Brown Creeper 1, Ruby-crowned Kinglet 2, Mountain Bluebird 33, Townsend's Solitaire 2, American Robin 14, Yellow-rumped Warbler 6, Chipping Sparrow 1, Vesper Sparrow 2, Dark-eyed Junco 14, Red Crossbill 4, Pine Siskin 7, Evening Grosbeak 2, House Sparrow 2.

Sep 29. CHATFIELD ARBORETUM. Leader: Ann Bonnell. 25 observers. (Clear; Wind 5 KPH; 18-28°C). 3 km on foot. 3 hrs birding. (26 species, 370 individuals): Double-crested Cormorant 2, Canada Goose 25, Mallard 4, Red-tailed Hawk 4, Killdeer 1, Mourning Dove 7, Belted Kingfisher 2, Downy Woodpecker 2, Northern Flicker 5, Barn Swallow 45, Blue Jay 1, Black-billed Magpie 10, Black-capped Chickadee 8, White-breasted Nuthatch 1, Western Bluebird 2, American Robin 25, European Starling 36, Yellow-rumped Warbler 150, Chipping Sparrow 2, Vesper Sparrow 1, Savannah Sparrow 1, Song Sparrow 1, White-crowned Sparrow 3, Western Meadowlark 13, House Finch 17, American Goldfinch 2.

DFO MARITIME FIELD TRIP

The late summer DFO Field Trip to the Bay of Fundy led by Bob Righter was attended by Ron Carter, Glenn & Jeane Hageman, Alan & Dee Hay, Diana & Don Mullineaux and Linda Vidal. Thirteen ferry trips produced many species including Greater Shearwater, Manx Shearwater, Great Cormorant and Arctic Tern. Some other good species seen on the trip were Atlantic Puffin, Philadelphia Vireo and 17 confusing fall warblers.

WELCOME TO NEW MEMBERS

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U.S. Fish & Wildlife Service at Rocky Mountain Arsenal

TREASURER'S REPORT*

	Actual for year ended 8/31/92	Proposed for year ending 8/31/93
<u>REVENUES</u>		
Membership Dues	\$4,705	\$4,430
Interest on Savings Account	456	360
Donations to Colorado Bird Report	896	800
Book Shop	236	1,040
Surplus from Previous Years	1,000	1,000
TOTAL	\$7,293	\$7,630
<u>EXPENDITURES</u>		
Lark Bunting Printing and Mailing	\$5,051	\$5,400
DFO Corporate Museum Membership	75	75
Colorado Bird Report	302	475
Book Shop	110	780
Colorado Bird Atlas	200	200
Honoraria	90	100
Ptarmigan Award	0	100
Liability Insurance	354	400
Miscellaneous	75	100
CB Radios and Accessories	198	0
Chatfield YMCA Rental	35	0
TOTAL	\$6,490	\$7,630

* Approved by Board on September 24, 1992

1992 FALL BIRD COUNT COMPARED TO THOSE OF PREVIOUS YEARS

(by Phil Hayes)

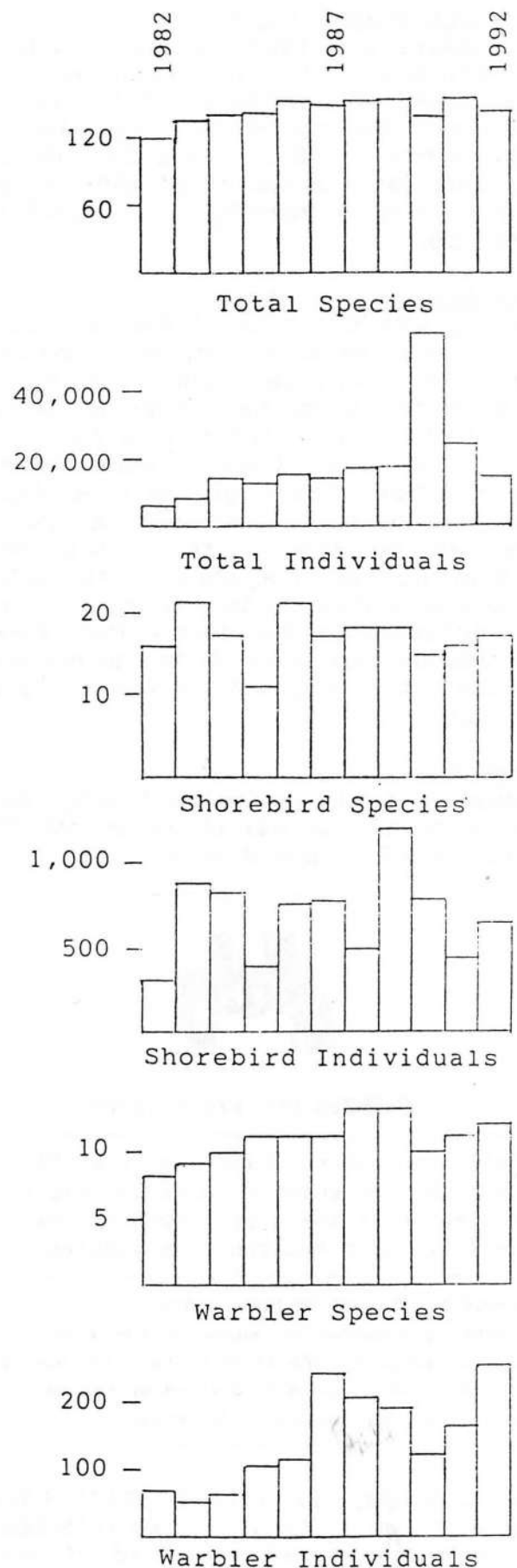
The Denver Field Ornithologists have conducted a Fall count in mid-September since 1971. As shown in a report by Jack Reddall in the November 1990 *Lark Bunting*, the specific areas counted changed nearly every year until 1980 and it wasn't until 1982 that Waterton was added to the list of areas covered. Since then most of the areas covered in the count have remained constant except that Evergreen was dropped in 1984, Red Rocks Park was dropped in 1986, the Rocky Mountain Arsenal was added in 1989 and Castlewood Canyon was not counted in 1986 and 1987.

It seems appropriate at this time to make a comparison of the counts from 1982 through 1992 using only the data that were collected in the six areas that were covered every year, i.e. Barr Lake, Barr Lake periphery*, Lower Bear Creek, Chatfield SP, Cherry Creek Reservoir SP and Waterton*. The weather during eight of the years was clear, calm and balmy. It was drizzly or rainy and chilly in 1982 and 1989 and it was mostly cloudy with some rain and wind in 1988.

To my surprise in light of all of the recent talk that populations of most migratory birds are in decline, the figures collected in the last eleven years of DFO fall counts show no decline at all. In the adjacent column are bar graphs showing the total number of species and individuals seen in the six count areas from 1982 through 1992. Also shown are the number of shorebird and warbler species and individuals recorded. If anything, the bar graphs show an increase rather than a decline in the number of birds.

I can think of six possible reasons for the apparent slight increase rather than a decrease in the Denver area: 1) The habitats in the six count areas have improved, 2) the leaders and observers are improving or working harder, 3) climatic changes are causing a change in times of migration, 4) the decline in bird populations took place before 1982 and has remained steady or improved since, 5) migration routes are changing in favor of our area, or 6) the decline in bird populations has been exaggerated. Is it a combination of these?. Any other ideas?

* Some variation in area covered from year to year



ANNOUNCEMENTS

Bird Identification Class

Tina Jones will teach a class "Helpful Identification Hints for Beginning and Intermediate Birdwatchers" at the Denver Museum of Natural History from 1900 to 2100 on Nov. 19, Dec. 3 and Dec. 10. Fee required. Call museum at 370-6303 to register or Tina at 759-9701 or 794-2647 for more info.

Lark Bunting Goes Metric

Starting with this issue of the *Lark Bunting* all measurements (distances, temperatures, etc.) will be reported in metric units. Metric units have been in use by scientists in all disciplines for many years. The D.F.O., being a quasiscientific organization should get in line. Along with the change to the metric system all times will be shown in the 24-hour military or European system. If there are serious objections to this policy they may be addressed to the next editor. Field-trip leaders may continue to use non-metric units but they will be converted by the editor.

Correction

Thompson Marsh was not a Charter Member of the DFO as was stated on page 129 of last month's *Lark Bunting*.



NOVEMBER DFO FIELD TRIPS

Call the Colorado Bird Report at 279-3076 before going on a field trip to determine if there have been any cancellations or changes in schedules.

TRANSPORTATION COSTS ON FIELD TRIPS

Everyone is expected to share in the mileage expenses on scheduled DFO field trips. The suggested share is 10 cents per mile divided by the number of people in the car including the driver.

Nov 1, Sunday. BARR LAKE STATE PARK*. Leaders: Lee & Marilyn Rowe (659-8069). Carpool at 0715 at east end of north

parking lot of Museum of Natural History in City Park. Meet leaders at 0800 at Nature Center in the park. ö

Nov 7, Saturday. NORTHEAST COLORADO. Leader: Kathy Hawkins (757-0809). Meet to carpool at 0700 at east end of north parking lot of Museum of Natural History in City Park. £

Nov 8, Sunday. NORTHWEST DENVER AREA LAKES. Leader: Patty Echelmeyer (233-4947). Meet at 0830 at parking lot at NW corner of Sloan Lake at Sheridan Blvd. & W. 25th Ave. ö

Nov 14, Saturday. ROCKY MOUNTAIN ARSENAL. Leader: Ed Holub (979-2194). Meet at 0730 at west gate of the arsenal on Quebec St. at E. 72nd Ave. Must register with leader. £

Nov 15, Sunday. WHEAT RIDGE GREENBELT. Leader: Bob Fleming (279-8122). Meet at 0800 at Prospect Park Lake south of W. 44th Ave. near Robb St. ö

Nov 21, Saturday. SEDALIA-PLUM CREEK AREA. Leader: Ben Moore (989-0269). Meet at 0730 south of Albertson's on NW corner of S. Broadway & County Line Rd. £

Nov 22, Sunday. CHATFIELD STATE PARK*. Leader: Warren Finch (233-3372). Meet at 0730 at the Park-&-Ride on west side of S. Wadsworth south of US-285 (Hampden) or at 0745 at west gate of the park. ö

Nov 28, Saturday. PLATTE VALLEY IN ADAMS COUNTY. Leader: Jackie King (287-1644). Meet at 0800 at east end of north parking lot of Museum of Natural History in City Park. £

Nov 29, Sunday. CHERRY CREEK RESERVOIR STATE PARK*. Leader: Jean Maguire & Joe TenBrink (320-4858). Meet at 0830 at west gate of park east of Cherry Creek H.S. (east from S. Yosemite on Union then south and east to gate). ö

£ Bring lunch

ö Lunch optional

* Park pass required for vehicles

Submitted by:

Ruth Breckon (455-0970)
Mort Staatz (279-6169)

DENVER FIELD ORNITHOLOGISTS - Membership Information

WELCOME TO THE D.F.O.

PURPOSE: The prime objective of the club is to promote interest in the study and preservation of birds and their habitats. Members are encouraged to learn about birds in the field noting species and numbers and at the same time learning their songs and calls as well as habits and habitats.

REGULAR MEETINGS: The general meetings are held each month (except June, July, August and December) at 7:30 PM at the Denver Museum of Natural History. Dates and subjects of the meetings are reported on the Colorado Bird Report (279-3076) and in the club bulletin. The meetings are open to the public without charge.

FIELD TRIPS: These are scheduled for almost every Saturday and Sunday throughout the year to a variety of habitats near Denver. Occasionally special trips are arranged to good birding areas in other parts of Colorado. Usually it is necessary to bring a lunch and to wear sturdy hiking shoes or boots. Carpooling is encouraged to get the most from bird watching as well as to save time and energy. Carpooling cost is 10 cents per mile divided by the number of passengers including the driver.

BULLETIN: A monthly bulletin, *The Lark Bunting*, is issued listing field trips scheduled. A complete list of birds seen on the previous month's trips is given in checklist order as are interesting sightings reported by members.

D.F.O. COLORADO BIRD REPORT (303-279-3076)

MEMBERSHIP APPLICATION

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REGULAR MONTHLY MEETING ON THE FIRST WEDNESDAY, SEPTEMBER THROUGH MAY, EXCEPT FOR DECEMBER, AT 7:30 PM, DENVER MUSEUM OF NATURAL HISTORY, RICKETSON AUDITORIUM

NEXT REGULAR MEETING WEDNESDAY, JANUARY 6, 1993

***** COLORADO BIRD REPORT - 279-3076 *****

OCTOBER 1992 FIELD TRIP SUMMARIES

October 3, Saturday (BCK)
Bear Creek: plains to foothills. Leader: Mort Staatz. Observers: Kathy Holt, Martha Marshall, David Rhoades. (Clear; Calm; 8-28°C). 40 km by car, 4 km on foot. 0800-1415. (33 species, 282 individuals)

October 4, Sunday (WGB)
Wheat Ridge Greenbelt. Leader: Diana Mulineaux. Observers: Jean Brunotte, Gail Evans, Jean Frazier, Mindy Hetrick, Ron Huston, Chuck Lowrie, Larry Malone, Judy Miller, Steve Segal, Joe TenBrink, Norman & Virginia Torrey, Jennifer Ward, Dick Williams. (Clear; Calm; 15-24°C). ½ km by car, 5 km on foot. 0800-1200. (34 species, 433 individuals)

October 10, Saturday
Chatfield Arboretum. Trip canceled.

October 11, Sunday (BAR)
Barr Lake State Park. Leader: David Pantle. Observers: Kathy Dressel, Phil Hayes, Joe & Norma Kamby, Lisa Sacarto, Tim Schowalter, Joyce Takamine (NM), Norman & Virginia Torrey, Rachel & Sean Yates. (Clear; Wind, W 0-8 KPH; 7-24°C). 10 km by car, 6½ km on foot. 0800-1300. (51 species; 1,879 individuals)

October 17, Saturday (CHA)
Chatfield State Park. Leader: Robert Spencer. Observers: Glenn Hageman, Paul

& Ruth Holland, Clint Jones, David Pantle, Kim Potter, Bob Righter, Eleanor White. (Cloudy to partly cloudy; Wind, NW 0-15 KPH; 4-13°C). 6 km by car, 2½ km on foot. 0730-1530. (43 species, 426 individuals)

October 18, Sunday (CCR)
Cherry Creek Reservoir State Park. Leader: Randy Lentz. Observers: Marlene Eggerling, Walt Hackney, Clint Jones, Bob Righter, Karleen Schofield, Steve Segal. (Partly cloudy; Wind, 0-8 KPH; 3-18°C). 19 km by car, 6½ km on foot. 0700-1530. (60 species, 894 individuals)

October 24, Saturday (PVN)
North-Metro Platte Valley. Leader: Jackie King. Observer: David Laliberte. (Clear; Calm; 3-22°C). 134 km by car, 2½ km on foot. 0730-1630. (51 species; 3,132 individuals)

October 24-25 (SCC)
South-central Colorado: Denver to Buena Vista, Monte Vista NWR, Rio Grande SWA, Alamosa NWR, Lathrop SP and return to Denver. Leader: Alan Hay. Observers: Mary Dexter, Marlene Eggerling, Walt Hackney, Glenn & Jeane Hageman, Betty & Stan Harwood, Dee Hay, Joe & Norma Kamby, Fern Maher, Alberta Nelson, Kim Potter, Jack Reddall, Bob & Sandy Righter, Mary Jane Schock, Jim & Karleen Schofield, Annette Steinbach, Joyce Takamine (NM), Kay Witte (NM). (Clear to cloudy;

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The Denver Field Ornithologists was organized as the Colorado Bird Club in 1935 and membership is open to anyone interested in the birds of the Denver area in particular and the birds of Colorado in general. The organization presents monthly evening programs (except in the summer) and conducts about 100 field trips annually.

Regular individual or family membership is \$10 per year. Senior citizen (age 65 or older) membership is \$8 per year. Student (age 18 or younger) membership is \$5 per year. Applications for membership should be addressed to the Treasurer (see address below). A membership application form is usually attached to the back of the *Lark Bunting*.

Notification of change of address should be sent to the Treasurer. The *Lark Bunting* is sent by 2nd class mail and will not be forwarded.

Members who fail to receive the *Lark Bunting* by the 25th of the month should contact the Editor (Tel. 425-5448) as he normally has extra copies. Those who fail to receive the *Lark Bunting* for two or more successive months should contact the Treasurer in writing.

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Field Trip Summaries (continued)

Wind, NE 0-20 KPH. 2-20°C). 672 km by car, 2½ km on foot. About 20 hours birding. (87 species; 9,692 individuals)

October 31

(BDR)

Boulder area: Baseline Reservoir, Waneka Lake, Union Reservoir, Reservoirs at Boulder Valley Farms, Walden Pond. Leader: Bob Jickling. Observers: Ferd & Jo Dirckx, Patty Echelmeyer, Myriam Frigens, David Pantle, Myron & Suzi Plooster, Dick Pratt, Mort Staatz, Susan Ward, Bob Whitson, Dick Williams. (Partly cloudy to overcast with light rain after 1100; Wind, NE 1-2 KPH; 4-12°C). 102 km by car, 1 km on foot. 0830-1330. (47 species; 2,974 individuals)

INDEPENDENT TRIP

Oct 3-4. Cimarron River from Kansas to Oklahoma and return (CIM). Observer: Dan Bridges. (Clear; Wind, SW 0-8 KPH; 29-4°C). 1200-0400. 48 km on foot. (26 species, 231 individuals)

TUESDAY BIRDERS TRIPS

Compiled by Monna Krebs

Oct 6. Golden Gate Canyon SP (GG). Leader: Else VanErp. 23 observers. (Mostly cloudy; Wind, NE 11-23 KPH; 3-12°C). 3 km on foot. 4 hrs. (35 species, 300 individuals)

Oct 13. Red Rocks & Morrison Parks (RR). Leader: Else VanErp. 35 observers. (Partly cloudy; Calm; 10-27°C). 3 km on foot. 2½ hrs. (22 species, 209 individuals)

Oct 20. Waterton Canyon (WC). Leader: Ann Bonnell. 28 observers. (Clear; Wind, variable 5-30 KPH; 10-25°C). 6½ km on foot. 4 hrs. (25 species, 144 individuals)

Oct 27. Barbour Ponds SP, Union Reservoir & Walden Ponds (BP). Leaders: Ann Bonnell, Ferd & Jo Dirckx. 30 observers. (Clear; Wind, NE 5-13 KPH; 15-21°C). 1½ km on foot, 3 hrs. (41 species; 1,210 individuals)

OCTOBER HIGHLIGHTS

A total of 120 avian species were recorded on the eight scheduled DFO field trips in October. Eleven additional species were seen on an independent trip. Of the 74 species that were seen by the Tuesday Birders, 9 were seen on no DFO or inde-

pendent trip making a total of 140 species that are shown on Table 1 (below).

The most unusual bird seen on Mort Staatz' trip to Bear Creek (BCK) was a Tennessee Warbler.

Among those on Diana Mullineaux's trip to the Wheat Ridge Greenbelt (WGB) were several new observers. Among other things, 5 Orange-crowned Warblers were seen.

David Pantle's trip to Barr Lake (BAR) came up with 3 species seen on no other DFO trip but their best sightings were of 3 Black-bellied Plovers and a very close view of a Solitary Sandpiper.

Bob Spencer graciously filled in as a leader to Chatfield State Park (CHA). The best sighting of the trip was a Greater White-fronted Goose.

At Cherry Creek Reservoir (CCR), Randy Lentz' and followers' best sightings were of Pacific Loon, Osprey and Bonaparte's Gull.

The highlights of Jackie King's trip to the Platte Valley in Adams County (PVN) were 2 Cattle Egrets, 550 Ring-necked Ducks and 4 Harris' Sparrows.

There were numerous good sightings on Alan Hay's weekend trip to the Monte Vista area (SCC). Three Whooping Cranes were seen among 6,000 Sandhill Cranes. All but one of Colorado's 10 corvids were seen. Other good sightings were of Plain Titmouse, Bushtits, White-throated Sparrow and Great-tailed Grackle.

Bob Jickling's followers to the Boulder area (BDR) viewed a Tufted Duck escape (not counted), a late Sanderling and the first American Tree Sparrows of the fall.

TABLE 1: Birds Reported on October Field Trips

DATE AREA COVERED LIFE ZONES VISITED	Scheduled DFO Trips								Indep. 3-4 CIM P	Tuesday Birders			
	3 BCK PF	4 WGB P	11 BAR P	17 CHA P	18 CCR P	24 PVN P	24-25 SCC FMV	31 BDR P		6 GG M	13 RR FP	20 WC F	27 BP P
Pacific Loon					1		1						
Common Loon				4		1	3	2					
Pied-billed Grebe		4		4	3	8	10	11					10
Horned Grebe				1			2	28					20
Eared Grebe			12		10	2	5						
Western Grebe			25	20	81		10	1800					152
American White Pelican			4										2
Double-crested Cormorant		2	5		51		2	34					2
Great Blue Heron			3	2	7	2	1	1					1
Cattle Egret						2							
Black-crowned Night-Heron						1							
Greater White-fronted Goose				1									
Canada Goose		110	550	7	16	90	456	47					85
Wood Duck								7					
Green-winged Teal		1		8	25	45	50	68					36
Mallard	38	50	50	55	43	75	340	52		4		9	27
Northern Pintail			5		2	110	49	8					40
Blue-winged Teal						3							
Cinnamon Teal							1						
"Blue-winged" Teal sp.					2								
Northern Shoveler		3	60	8	23	135	31						3
Gadwall		11	200	5	26	225	46	65					31
American Wigeon	10	7	50	20		115	96	26					65
Canvasback			5			5		2					
Redhead	7		35			60	1	78					
Ring-necked Duck		1		6		550	9	75					230
Tufted Duck								16					
Lesser Scaup		1	30			12	9	16					7
Common Goldeneye							3	12					9
Bufflehead			20	5	6	18	45	48					12
Hooded Merganser					3			16					10
Common Merganser					3		4	1				1	4
Ruddy Duck			100		2	25	17						32

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TABLE 1: October Field Trips (continued)

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Turkey Vulture									4		1			
Osprey					1							1		
Bald Eagle			1a											
Northern Harrier			2f	1	2		17							1
Cooper's Hawk							1					2		
Red-tailed Hawk	3					14	25				4			3
western races			3	3				2	2					
Ferruginous Hawk					1	3		1						
Rough-legged Hawk						1	2							
Buteo species					1									
Golden Eagle						1	2				2	2		
American Kestrel	1		1		1	7	3	8	3				1	5
Prairie Falcon	1		1			1								
Ring-necked Pheasant			2		3	1								
Wild Turkey									8					
Northern Bobwhite									20					
Virginia Rail					1H									1H
Sora					1H									
"Rail" species				1										
American Coot		3		60	25	150	219	130						50
Sandhill Crane							6000*							
Whooping Crane							3							
Black-bellied Plover			3		1									
Killdeer	1		2		7	6	13		1					5
Greater Yellowlegs					1		1	9						3
Lesser Yellowlegs														2
Solitary Sandpiper			1		1									
Sanderling					2			1						
Least Sandpiper					1		5							
Baird's Sandpiper			3		2									
Long-billed Dowitcher					3		2	8						
Common Snipe					1		11							
Franklin's Gull			8		2	355								
Bonaparte's Gull					1									
Ring-billed Gull	6	6	300	30	85	225	52	350						130
California Gull			1	3	110			1						
Herring Gull			1i											
Rock Dove	5	4	7	7	6	100	77	1			1	8		35
Mourning Dove	7		10	2	3		2		25					
Barn Owl									1H					
Eastern Screech-Owl									5+4H					
Great-horned Owl				1	1		14		5			1		
Belted Kingfisher	2			2	2			3			2		3	1
Red-naped Sapsucker													1	
Williamson's Sapsucker												1		
Downy Woodpecker	1	5				4m3f	5				2	1		
"Batchelder's" race				3				2						
eastern races			3											
Hairy Woodpecker									1					
Northern Flicker		12					3				2	10	10	
"Yellow-shafted" race									10					
"Red-shafted" race	20		3	5	13	8		3	8					
Horned Lark			15			10	45							
Cordilleran Flycatcher									1					
Barn Swallow							4							
Gray Jay							3							
Steller's Jay							5				10		3	
Blue Jay	3	4	5	1		6	1	2	3		1		1	
Scrub Jay							5				2	8		
Pinyon Jay							150							
Clark's Nutcracker							7				2			
Black-billed Magpie	12	15	6	32	18	60	170	7	20		6	9	7	5
American Crow	3	4		4	5		108	6	3		4		10	3

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TABLE 1: October Field Trips (continued)

DATE AREA COVERED LIFE ZONES VISITED	Scheduled DFO Trips								Indep. 3-4 CIM P	Tuesday Birders			
	3 BCK PF	4 WGB P	11 BAR P	17 CHA P	18 CCR P	24 PVN P	24-25 SCC FMV	31 BDR P		6 GG M	13 RR FP	20 WC F	27 BP P
Common Raven							31			3			
Black-capped Chickadee	12	14	8	18	8		7			16	6	14	2
Mountain Chickadee							9			8		1	
Plain Titmouse							2						
Bushtit							15						
Red-breasted Nuthatch							1			5		1	
White-breasted Nuthatch				2			3			1			
Pygmy Nuthatch										12			
Brown Creeper	1						3						
Rock Wren			1				1						
Canyon Wren									4		2	4	
Bewick's Wren													
Marsh Wren							1						
American Dipper	3								2		3	4	
Ruby-crowned Kinglet		5		3	1					15			
Western Bluebird										4			
Mountain Bluebird						5	23			100			
Townsend's Solitaire							6			3	14	15	
Swainson's Thrush				1									
Hermit Thrush	1						1						
American Robin	8	3	1	5	1		59	1		11	80	4	
Gray Catbird							1						
American Pipit					6	10							
Loggerhead Shrike									1				
European Starling	25	35	10	38	35	120	645	4		8	15		75
Tennessee Warbler	2												
Orange-crowned Warbler		5	1										
Yellow Warbler							1						
Yellow-rumped Warbler	30	30					3		12	27			2
"Audubon's" race				25							13		
Common Yellowthroat					1H								
Rufous-sided Towhee				1					2		2	6	
American Tree Sparrow										1			
Chipping Sparrow									15				
Vesper Sparrow									2				
Lark Sparrow										2			
Song Sparrow	5	2	10	6	27	6	5	1			1	1	
White-throated Sparrow							3						
White-crowned Sparrow	10			3	17	175	31		60	3	7	31	13
eastern races			30										
"Gambel's" race		4						2					
Harris' Sparrow						4							
Dark-eyed Junco		1				8	44				16		
"Slate-colored" race							4						
"Oregon" race						2	6					4	
"Pink-sided" race				3	7	2						3	
"Gray-headed" race			10		1		5		7	14			
Red-winged Blackbird	1	40	250	10	160	135	465	22					9
Western Meadowlark	6		9	5	8	65	4	3		4	1		1
Yellow-headed Blackbird							13						
Brewer's Blackbird	1	1	2		2		12	1					
Great-tailed Grackle							12						
Common Grackle	2	9	4			35	2						
Cassin's Finch							2						
House Finch	50	10		5	6	40	3	1		4	8	6	28
Red Crossbill										1			
Pine Siskin		5				1	7		6	15			
American Goldfinch	1	10	1H		8	5	1				1	1	
Evening Grosbeak							33						
House Sparrow	4	16	10		1	80	82	6					58
TOTAL SPECIES	33	34	51	43	60	51	87	47	26	35	22	25	41
TOTAL INDIVIDUALS	282	433	1879	426	894	3132	9692	2974	231	300	209	144	1210

Abbreviations used in Table 1: F = Foothills, H = Heard only, M = Mountains, P = Plains, V = high Valleys, a = adult, e = escape (not counted in totals), f = female, i = immature, m = male. * 1 albino seen.

ADDITIONAL OCTOBER 1992 REPORTS

Instructions for submitting "Additional Reports"

1. Individual "Additional Reports" of interesting sightings made during the month are welcomed. However, the Editor reserves the right to publish only those reports that are deemed as unusual/rare or as augmenting the reports submitted by leaders of scheduled DFO field trips. For a guide as to the species that are of most interest see pages 81-84 of the *Lark Bunting*, Volume 27, Number 8 (May 1992).
2. The reports should be submitted in Sixth A.O.U. Check-List (1983, 1985, 1987, 1989, & 1991) order and include the date(s) of observation, number of birds seen, sex and plumage if possible, and specific location (please **do not** fail to include the **county** of occurrence). Refer to the *Lark Bunting*, Volume 27, Number 10 (July 1992), for a guide to preparing written documentation to support observations of extremely rare or accidental species as well as for those species that pose difficult field identification problems.
3. Deadline for receipt of all additional reports is the fifth of the following month. They should be sent to the Editor.

Pacific Loon 10/8-17 (2) Pueblo Reservoir, Pueblo Co. (BP); 10/27 (1w) Aurora Rampart Reservoir, Douglas Co. (JH)

Common Loon 10/24 (3) Sanchez Reservoir, Costilla Co. (BR)

Red-necked Grebe 10/25 (1w) Union Reservoir, Weld Co. (JoR)P

Green-backed Heron 10/10 (1) Walden Ponds, Boulder Co. (JT)

White-faced Ibis 10/24 (1) By the Rio Grande, Rio Grande Co. (BR)

Greater White-fronted Goose 10/30 (5) Barr Lake, Adams Co. (DB)

White-winged Scoter 10/26 (1 first winter) Chatfield SP, Douglas Co. (JH)

Merlin 10/29 (1) 4400 BowMar Dr., BowMar, Arapahoe Co. (TJ)

Peregrine Falcon 10/13 (1) Vogel Canyon, Otero Co. (KS)

Blue Grouse 10/5 (1) Near Critchell, Jefferson Co. (AH)

Scaled Quail 10/12 (16) Roads G & 13, Baca Co. (KS)

Ruddy Turnstone 10/3 (1wa) Little Jumbo Reservoir, Logan Co. (KS)S

Red Knot 10/10 (4wa) NeeSoPah Reservoir, Kiowa Co. (KS)S

Stilt Sandpiper 10/19 (10) Lake Holbrook, Otero Co. (BP,MJ)

Red-necked Phalarope 10/3 (35) Lake Cheraw, Otero Co. (BP,MJ,DS)

Red Phalarope 10/26 (1wa) Pond 17 mi. east of Last Chance, Washington Co. (JoR)

Sabine's Gull 10/8-16. (2i) Pueblo Reservoir (BP)

Common Tern 10/3 (1i) Lake Henry, Crowley Co. (BP,mo)

Band-tailed Pigeon 10/20 (1i) Empire, Clear Creek Co. (DP)

Common Poorwill 10/11 (1) Roads 18 & G, Baca Co. (KS)

Broad-tailed Hummingbird 10/16-31 (1m) Conifer, Jefferson Co. (MB)

Red-bellied Woodpecker 10/26 (1m) Bonny Reservoir, Yuma Co. (JoR)

Three-toed Woodpecker 10/10 (2) Mt. Evans SWA, Clear Creek Co. (KP)S

Eastern Wood-Pewee 10/12 (1) Picture Canyon, Baca Co. (KS)F

Say's Phoebe 10/11 (1) 835 Harmony Dr., Pueblo West, Pueblo Co. (BP)

Thick-billed Kingbird 10/23 (1 first fall) Waterton Canyon, Jefferson Co.

(DW,JR,JK)F First State Record

Barn Swallow 10/25 (3) Union Reservoir (JoR)

Blue Jay 10/24 (1) Monte Vista, Rio Grande Co. (BR)

Mountain Chickadee 10/4 (3) Cottonwood Canyon, Las Animas Co. (DB)

Winter Wren 10/29 (1) Mount Sanitas trailhead, Boulder Co. (JoR)

Golden-crowned Kinglet 10/12 (3) Mt. Evans SWA (JH)

Hermit Thrush 10/31 (1) 2695 Newland St., Denver, Denver Co. (PE)

Curve-billed Thrasher 10/12 (1) Picture Canyon (KS)

Northern Shrike 10/25 (1) Roxborough SP, Douglas Co. (AS)

Dickcissel 10/4 (1wm) Road U near CO-39, Morgan Co. (KS)

Rufous-crowned Sparrow 10/12 (1) Picture Canyon (KS)

Field Sparrow 10/12 (1) Roads 18 & G, Baca Co. (KS)

Swamp Sparrow 10/29 (2) Chatfield SP, Douglas Co. (JH)

Harris' Sparrow 10/27 (1) Crown Hill Park, Wheat Ridge, Jefferson Co. (PE)

ABBREVIATIONS used above: F = rare-bird Form submitted, P = Photos obtained, S = Some details given, a = adult, i = immature, m = male, w = winter plumage

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COLORADO BIRD REPORT IN OCTOBER

According to Duane Nelson, species reported to the Colorado Bird Report in October that are not shown otherwise in this issue include Snowy Egret, Surf Scoter, Lesser Golden Plover, Dunlin, Arctic Tern(?), Long-eared Owl, Yellow-bellied Sapsucker, Sprague's Pipit, Magnolia Warbler, Black-throated Green Warbler, Blackburnian Warbler, Palm Warbler, Blackpoll Warbler, Scarlet Tanager, Fox Sparrow, Rusty Blackbird.

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CONTRIBUTION TO THE COLORADO BIRD REPORT

Thank to Mona Hill for her recent contribution to the Colorado Bird Report.

Longtime DFO Member Dies

We are saddened to learn that longtime DFO member Marguerite Brockmeyer died on October 23 after a long illness. In years past she was a regular field-trip participant.

DECEMBER DFO FIELD TRIPS

DEC 5, Saturday. BARR LAKE STATE PARK. Leaders: Glenn & Jeane Hageman (322-6589). Meet at 0730 at east end of north parking lot of Museum of Natural History in City Park. Bring lunch.

DEC 6, Sunday. WHEAT RIDGE GREENBELT. Leaders: Joe & Norma Kamby (421-5961). Meet at 0800 at Prospect Park Lake south of W. 44th Ave. near Robb St. Bring lunch.

DEC 19, Saturday. ANNUAL DENVER CHRISTMAS BIRD COUNT. See page 19.

Sample of sheet that is mailed to Field Trip leaders

Denver Field Ornithologists

WIND FORCE SCALE

Adapted from Beaufort Scale

Wind Speed		Scale	Wind Effects on Land	Description
MPH	KPH			
<1	<1.6	0	Smoke rises vertically	CALM
1-3	1.6-5	1	Wind direction seen by smoke but weather vanes are still	LIGHT AIR
4-7	6-12	2	Breeze felt on face, leaves rustle, and weather vanes move	SLIGHT BREEZE
8-12	13-19	3	Leaves and small twigs in motion and light flags extended	GENTLE BREEZE
13-18	20-29	4	Dust, dry leaves and loose paper raised; small branches move	MODERATE BREEZE
19-24	30-39	5	Small trees with leaves start to sway; crested wavelets on lakes	FRESH BREEZE
25-31	40-50	6	Large branches in motion; telephone wires whistle	STRONG BREEZE
32-38	51-61	7	Whole trees in motion; walking into wind difficult	MODERATE GALE
39-46	62-74	8	Twigs break off; cars may veer on road	FRESH GALE
47-54	75-87	9	Some damage to wood fences and buildings	STRONG GALE
55-63	88-101	10	Trees uprooted; considerable damage to houses	WHOLE GALE
64-72	102-116	11	Widespread damage	NEAR HURRICANE
>73	>116	12	Extreme damage	HURRICANE FORCE

Temperature Conversion

C	F
40	104
35	95
30	86
25	77
20	68
15	59
10	50
0	32
-5	23
-10	14
-15	5
-20	-4
-25	-13
-30	-22

CLOUD COVER TERMS:

Clear: Less than 1/3 of sky cloud covered

Partly cloudy: Between 1/3 and 3/4 of sky cloud covered

Cloudy: More than 3/4 of sky cloud covered

Overcast: Sky completely covered with low clouds

To convert miles to kilometers or MPH to KPH multiply by 1.6 or 8/5

DENVER CHRISTMAS BIRD COUNT - Saturday, December 19, 1992

COUNT LEADER AND COMPILER: Dick Schottler (278-8035)

FEEDER COORDINATOR: Hugh Kingery (333-0161)

COMPILATION MEETING AND SUPPER: 5:00 PM at Chatfield YMCA, 6724 S. Webster (just south of Coal Mine Road). No food service. Bring some takeout if you wish.

All DFO members, regardless of skill level, are encouraged to take part in the Annual Denver Christmas Bird Count. Call one of the Area Leaders listed below if you would like to assist in a particular area or call Dick Schottler (278-8035) if you would like to help count in any area that needs additional observers. There are four areas that still have no leaders and will not be covered unless volunteers are found to help out. If you are interested in leading in one of those areas, please call the Count Leader as soon as possible.

Area leaders should contact Dick Schottler before the count to indicate how many participants they have to assist in their areas.

In order to participate in the Christmas Bird Count you must pay a \$5.00 fee. The fee is used to help defray the cost of publishing the results of all official Christmas Bird Counts in *American Birds*. PARTICIPANTS MUST PAY THE \$5.00 FEE TO THEIR AREA LEADER IN ADVANCE OR THEY WILL NOT BE ALLOWED TO TAKE PART IN THE COUNT. Checks must be made payable to *American Birds*, not the Denver Field Ornithologists.

All Area Leaders are urged to conduct Pre-Counts. Since days and times will vary for Pre-Counts, please contact an Area Leader if you wish to help on the Pre-Count in a particular area. No fee is charged for participation in a Pre-Count.

Listed below are the area numbers and locations along with the names and phone numbers of the Area Leaders. Contact Area Leaders for information as to meeting places and times on Count Day, December 19, 1992.

AREA NUMBER AND LOCATION

1. Red Rocks Park
2. Lower Bear Creek
- 2A. Bear Creek Lake Park
3. Bow Mar/Marston
- 4A. Lower South Platte
- 4B. Lower South Platte
5. Highline Ditch
6. Plum Creek
- 7A. Middle South Platte
- 7B. Middle South Platte
8. Chatfield State Park
9. Upper South Platte
10. Lower Deer Creek
11. Upper Deer Creek
12. Yegge Peak
13. Doublehead Mountain
14. North Turkey Creek
15. Indian Hills
16. Upper Bear Creek
17. Ken-Caryl Ranch
18. Garrison Gate
19. Morrison/Willow Brook
20. Willow Creek
21. Mount Lindo/Willow Springs

AREA LEADER AND TELEPHONE NUMBER

Bill Brockner 674-4851
Bob Spencer 279-4682
Kathy Hawkins 757-0809
Mort Staatz 279-6169
Ed Holub 979-2194
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Lynn Willcockson 757-7000
NO LEADER
Ann Bonnell 979-6211
NO LEADER
Warren Finch 233-3372
Duane Nelson 277-9748
Cal Wichern 693-3718
Alan Hay 422-0239
NO LEADER
NO LEADER
Phil Hayes 425-5448
David Pantle 333-8352

SOME OTHER COLORADO CHRISTMAS BIRD COUNTS
(Compiled by Hugh Kingery and Brandon Percival)

December 17, Thursday

ROCKY MTN. NAT. PARK

Paul Opler

1-226-2433

December 19, Saturday

GUNNISON

Ron Meyer

1-641-1477

COLORADO SPRINGS

GREELEY

Kay Cheney

1-735-2556

LONGMONT

PUEBLO RESERVOIR

Mark Yaeger*

719-543-2724

December 20, Sunday

BOULDER

Bill Kaempfer

939-8005

EVERGREEN

B. J. Gard

674-3280

FORT COLLINS

Kevin Cook

1-223-8392

GRAND JUNCTION

Coen Dexter

1-464-7971

WESTCLIFFE

Dave Johnson*

719-545-5548

December 21, Monday

CURECANTI N.R.A.

Mitzi Frank

1-641-2337

December 23, Wednesday

NUNN

Clait Braun

1-493-2841

December 26, Saturday

BARR LAKE

Mike Carter

659-4348

DURANGO

PENROSE

Rosie Watts*

719-372-6679

December 27, Sunday

DOUGLAS COUNTY

Ann Bonnell

979-6211

HOTCHKISS

Dick Guadagno

719-544-5002

HOLLY

Mark Janos*

1-482-8089

RAWHIDE

Ron Ryder

1-963-3479

ROARING FORK

Dave Clark

December 30, Wednesday

NORTH PARK

Clait Braun

1-493-2841

January 1, Friday

DENVER URBAN

Urling Kingery

333-0161

Or: Denver Audubon Soc.

696-0877

January 2, Saturday

SAN ISABEL

David Silverman*

719-489-3565

January 3, Sunday

PUEBLO

Mike Ketchen*

719-545-2020

Other probable counts with no dates or other information at press time

CORTEZ, MONTE VISTA NWR, PIKES PEAK, WELDONA

* Or call Brandon Percival at 719-547-3722

DENVER FIELD ORNITHOLOGISTS - Membership Information

WELCOME TO THE D.F.O.

PURPOSE: The prime objective of the club is to promote interest in the study and preservation of birds and their habitats. Members are encouraged to learn about birds in the field noting species and numbers and at the same time learning their songs and calls as well as habits and habitats.

REGULAR MEETINGS: The general meetings are held each month (except June, July, August and December) at 7:30 PM at the Denver Museum of Natural History. Dates and subjects of the meetings are reported on the Colorado Bird Report (279-3076) and in the club bulletin. The meetings are open to the public without charge.

FIELD TRIPS: These are scheduled for almost every Saturday and Sunday throughout the year to a variety of habitats near Denver. Occasionally special trips are arranged to good birding areas in other parts of Colorado. Usually it is necessary to bring a lunch and to wear sturdy hiking shoes or boots. Carpooling is encouraged to get the most from bird watching as well as to save time and energy. Carpooling cost is 10 cents per mile divided by the number of passengers including the driver.

BULLETIN: A monthly bulletin, *The Lark Bunting*, is issued listing field trips scheduled. A complete list of birds seen on the previous month's trips is given in checklist order as are interesting sightings reported by members.

D.F.O. COLORADO BIRD REPORT (303-279-3076)

MEMBERSHIP APPLICATION

_____ Regular Family Membership - \$10 (valid for next year if paid after Oct.1)

_____ Senior Citizen Membership (Age 65 or older) - \$8

_____ Student Membership (Age 18 or younger) - \$5

_____ Contribution to the Colorado Bird Report

Name _____

Address _____

City _____ State _____ Zip _____ Telephone _____

Work phone if you wish it to be shown in the membership list _____

Send to treasurer: Alan Hay, 6361 Brooks Dr., Arvada, CO 80004 (303-422-0239)



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REGULAR MONTHLY MEETING ON THE FIRST WEDNESDAY, SEPTEMBER THROUGH MAY, EXCEPT FOR DECEMBER, AT 7:30 PM, DENVER MUSEUM OF NATURAL HISTORY, RICKETSON AUDITORIUM

NEXT MEETING WEDNESDAY, JANUARY 6, 1993

Member's Slide & Print Show (Call Joey Kellner at 978-1748 if you'll bring slides)

***** COLORADO BIRD REPORT - 279-3076 *****

NOVEMBER 1992 FIELD TRIP SUMMARIES

November 1, Sunday (BAR)
Barr Lake State Park. Leaders: Lee & Marilyn Rowe. Observers: Jim Bradley, David Pantle, Dick Williams. (Clear; Calm; 4-13°C). 8 km on foot. 0800-1200. (46 species; 4,159 individuals)

November 7, Saturday (NEC)
Northeast Colorado: Denver to Bennett via I-70; CO-79 and county roads to Bijou Reservoir; I-76 to Fort Morgan; CO-144 to Muir Springs Park; Bijou Creek; Weldona; Jackson Reservoir; return to Denver via I-76. Leader: Kathy Hawkins. Observers: Marlene Eggerling, Glenn & Jeane Hageman, Helen Hassemer, Alan & Dee Hay, Billie & Estes Howe, Joe & Norma Kamby, Kim Potter, Jack Reddall, Eleanor White, Dick Williams. (Cloudy to partly cloudy; Wind, variable 0-8 KPH; -2 to 9°C). 338 km by car, 3 km on foot. 0630-1730. (64 species; 21,721 individuals)

November 8, Sunday (NWD)
Northwest Denver-area lakes and Wheat Ridge Greenbelt. Leader: Patty Echelmeyer. Observers: Myron & Suzi Plooster, Kim Potter, Karleen Schofield, Jennifer Senser, Ginny & Norm Torrey, Chuck Walters. (Cloudy to clear; Wind, NW 8-35 KPH; 4-10°C). 24 km by car, 1½ km on foot. 0830-1330. (36 species; 4,907 individuals)

November 14, Saturday (RMA)
Rocky Mountain Arsenal. Leaders: Ed Holub & Lynn Willcockson. Observers: Brenda Burrell, Ruth Davis, Bobbi Dickison, Helen Hassemer, Alan and Dee Hay, Eleanor White, Dick Williams. (Clear; Wind, E 0-8 KPH; -4 to 16°C). 68 km by car, 1 km on foot. 0730-1415. (43 species; 1,796 individuals)

November 15, Sunday (WGB)
Wheat Ridge Greenbelt. Leader: Bob Fleming. Observers: Kathy East, Juv Fleming, Irv Jackson, Lucy Pace, Kim Potter, Anne Southcott, Mort Staatz, Joe TenBrink, Dick Williams. (Clear; Wind 0-5 KPH; 13-18°C). 0800-1200. (39 species, 668 individuals)

November 21, Saturday
Sedalia-Plum Creek area. (Trip canceled due to snow).

November 22, Sunday (CHA)
Chatfield State Park. Leader: Warren Finch. Observers: Randy Lentz, Kim Potter, Dick Pratt. (Cloudy; Calm; -7 to 2°C). 32 km by car, 8 km on foot. 0745-1515. (55 species; 1,597 individuals)

November 28, Saturday (PVA)
Platte Valley in Adams County. Leader: Jackie King. Observers: Betty & Jack English, Alan & Dee Hay, Karleen Schofield.

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The Denver Field Ornithologists was organized as the Colorado Bird Club in 1935 and membership is open to anyone interested in the birds of the Denver area in particular and the birds of Colorado in general. The organization presents monthly evening programs (except in the summer) and conducts about 100 field trips annually.

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Field Trip Summaries (continued)

(Clear to partly cloudy; Wind, NW 1-5 KPH; 0-5°C). 112 km by car, 1 km on foot. 0800-1500. (39 species; 3,142 Individuals)

November 29, Sunday

(CCR)

Cherry Creek Reservoir SP. Leader: Jean Maguire. Observer: Karleen Schofield. (Light snow early but clear by PM; Wind, S 0-30 KPH; -3 to 6°C). 32 km by car, 2½ km on foot. 0830-1400. (31 species; 1,500 individuals)

TUESDAY BIRDERS TRIPS

Compiled by Monna Krebs

Nov 3. Canceled (inclement weather)

Nov 10. Bear Creek Lake Park (BC). Leader: Ann Bonnell. 32 observers. (Cloudy; Wind, NE 13-24 KPH; 2-7°C). 1½ km on foot. 3½ hrs birding. (36 species, 318 individuals)

Nov 17. South Platte River Park (SP). Leader: Ann Bonnell. 37 observers. (Clear; Wind, variable 5-11 KPH; 6-14°C). 6½ km on foot. 4 hrs birding. (40 species; 1,364 individuals)

Nov 24. Canceled (inclement weather)

NOVEMBER HIGHLIGHTS

A total of 92 avian species were reported on eight scheduled DFO field trips in November (one trip was canceled). Of the 49 species reported by the Tuesday Birders on their two trips (two of their trips were canceled), three were seen on no DFO trip making a total of 95 species that are shown on Table 1 (Pages 24-25).

Lee and Marilyn Rowe and three others on the trip to Barr Lake State Park (BAR) on a pleasant day saw four species that were seen on no other trip during the month. Most unusual of these were a late Cattle Egret and a fairly late Swainson's Thrush.

Kathy Hawkins had fourteen followers to northeastern Colorado (NEC) on a cool and cloudy day. More than 15,000 ducks were seen including 10,000 Mallards and 225 Canvasbacks. Among the six species seen that were seen on no other trip were Marsh Wren and White-throated Sparrow.

Patty Echelmeyer and eight others that toured northwest Denver area lakes (NWD) on a breezy day counted 1,750 Canada Geese and 2,000 Northern Shovelers.

Ed Holub and Lynn Willcockson took eight folks on a tour of the Rocky Mountain Arsenal (RMA) on a pleasant day. Their best sightings were of 5 Golden-crowned Kinglets and a Harris' Sparrow.

Nine folks went with Bob Fleming to the Wheat Ridge Greenbelt (WGB) on a balmy day. They heard a Virginia Rail and spotted 6 Ruby-crowned Kinglets.

Warren Finch had only three followers to Chatfield State Park (CHA) on a cloudy and chilly day. They spotted 6 species that were seen on no other trip including 2 Greater Scaups and a Sage Thrasher. They also reported 3 "Yellow-shafted" race Northern Flickers.

Jackie King and five others who toured the Platte Valley in Adams County (PVA) on a chilly day came up with an amazing 63 *Buteo* hawks.

Morning snow may have kept folks away from Jean Maguire's trip to Cherry Creek Reservoir (CCR) as she had only one follower. The best sightings were of a Lincoln's Sparrow and a Rusty Blackbird.

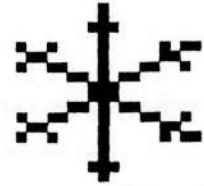
Among other things the Tuesday Birders saw the only Snow Goose and Osprey of the month.

It seems a little remarkable that Greater White-fronted Geese were seen on three DFO trips and one TB trip. The same can be said of Harris' Sparrows.

By far the most remarkable sightings of the month were the first Inca Doves ever recorded in the state (see "Additional...Reports" on page 26).

CORRECTION

The number of individuals of the various species of owl reported on page 14 of the November *Lark Bunting* for Dan Bridges' October 3 and 4 trip along the Cimarron River (CIM) were in error. They should read: Barn Owl (1), Eastern Screech-Owl (1H), Great Horned Owl (5+4H).



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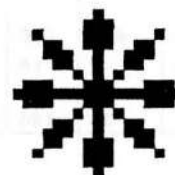


TABLE 1: Birds Reported on November Field Trips

DATE AREA COVERED LIFE ZONES VISITED	Scheduled DFO Trips								Tue. Birders		DATE AREA COVERED LIFE ZONES VISITED
	1 BAR P	7 NEC P	8 NWD P	14 RMA P	15 WGB P	22 CHA P	28 PVA P	29 CCR P	10 BC P	17 SP P	
Common Loon						2			1		Common Loon
Pied-billed Grebe		1	1	1	3	6		1		6	Pied-billed Grebe
Horned Grebe	1	3	2			5					Horned Grebe
Eared Grebe	2	40									Eared Grebe
Western Grebe	6	5							10	1	Western Grebe
American White Pelican	41										American White Pelican
Double-crested Cormorant	2					1					Double-crested Cormorant
Great Blue Heron	1		2	1	1		2	1	1	3	Great Blue Heron
Cattle Egret	1										Cattle Egret
Greater White-fronted Goose	1	2a				3				1	Greater White-fronted Goose
Snow Goose										2	Snow Goose
Canada Goose	1200	250	1750	60	200	375	1450	425	4	1000	Canada Goose
Wood Duck		2m			1						Wood Duck
Green-winged Teal	300	300		25	3	100	40	22	3	1	Green-winged Teal
Mallard	500	10000	75	25	80	250	40	55	25	27	Mallard
Northern Pintail	55	30				5	130			1	Northern Pintail
Northern Shoveler	800	3000	2000	5	1	3	80	28	16		Northern Shoveler
Gadwall	40	250	12	21	6	25	150		5	19	Gadwall
American Wigeon	30				8	25	110	1	2	16	American Wigeon
Canvasback	1	225									Canvasback
Redhead	24	50			5	2	4			8	Redhead
Ring-necked Duck				1		5	250			30	Ring-necked Duck
Greater Scaup						2					Greater Scaup
Lesser Scaup	18	500	10		10		17				Lesser Scaup
Common Goldeneye		2m2f	20	2	18	35	41	98	6	23	Common Goldeneye
Bufflehead	20	350	16	4	1	2	27		2	5	Bufflehead
Hooded Merganser		1m1f	16		2	2		2			Hooded Merganser
Common Merganser		3f	5	3		5		600	88	31	Common Merganser
Red-breasted Merganser		1f									Red-breasted Merganser
Ruddy Duck	24	800	2	6			2				Ruddy Duck
Osprey										1	Osprey
Bald Eagle	2a1i	2a		1							Bald Eagle
Northern Harrier	1	2m1f		1		1	1m1f		1		Northern Harrier
Sharp-shinned Hawk		1a									Sharp-shinned Hawk
Cooper's Hawk				1							Cooper's Hawk
Red-tailed Hawk	1						29		2	6	Red-tailed Hawk
western races		4		3		4		2			western races
Ferruginous Hawk		2a		4			23	2			Ferruginous Hawk
Rough-legged Hawk		6		4							Rough-legged Hawk
<i>Buteo species</i>		3	1				11				<i>Buteo species</i>
Golden Eagle		2				1			3		Golden Eagle
American Kestrel	3	8	2		1	2	6m3f	1	2	1	American Kestrel
Prairie Falcon		5					2				Prairie Falcon
Ring-necked Pheasant		1m					45				Ring-necked Pheasant
Virginia Rail					1H			1			Virginia Rail
American Coot	12	200	25	50	4	275	42	12		9	American Coot
Black-bellied Plover	4										Black-bellied Plover
Killdeer						4	2				Killdeer
Greater Yellowlegs						1					Greater Yellowlegs
Common Snipe		2			1				1		Common Snipe
Ring-billed Gull	500	400	310	1050	70	60	40	60	15	22	Ring-billed Gull
California Gull	100		15								California Gull
Herring Gull		40		1		2		72			Herring Gull
Rock Dove	1	35	135	24	2	12	50			50	Rock Dove

TABLE 1: November Field Trips (Continued)

DATE	Scheduled DFO Trips								Tue. Birders		DATE
	1	7	8	14	15	22	28	29	10	17	
AREA COVERED	BAR	NEC	NWD	RMA	WGB	CHA	PVA	CCR	BC	SP	AREA COVERED
LIFE ZONES VISITED	P	P	P	P	P	P	P	P	P	P	LIFE ZONES VISITED
Mourning Dove		1			1				1		Mourning Dove
Great-horned Owl		1a		1		3					Great-horned Owl
Belted Kingfisher	1	4	1	1	1	2	1		2	11	Belted Kingfisher
Downy Woodpecker	1H	1	2	1	2				1	1	Downy Woodpecker
eastern races						5					eastern races
Hairy Woodpecker									1	1	Hairy Woodpecker
Northern Flicker					15				8	9	Northern Flicker
"Yellow-shafted" race						3					"Yellow-shafted" race
"Red-shafted" race	5	10	12	10		15	10	4			"Red-shafted" race
Horned Lark		230		35		16	90	20			Horned Lark
Blue Jay	1H	7			6						Blue Jay
Black-billed Magpie	20	30	35	40	38	15	60	16	8	17	Black-billed Magpie
American Crow	1	15	12		6	6	2			9	American Crow
Common Raven						8					Common Raven
Black-capped Chickadee	18	20	6		30	60		4	10	11	Black-capped Chickadee
White-breasted Nuthatch			1		1	4			1		White-breasted Nuthatch
Brown Creeper			1	2	2	1			2		Brown Creeper
Marsh Wren		1									Marsh Wren
Golden-crowned Kinglet				5							Golden-crowned Kinglet
Ruby-crowned Kinglet			2		6					1	Ruby-crowned Kinglet
Townsend's Solitaire						1					Townsend's Solitaire
Swainson's Thrush	1										Swainson's Thrush
American Robin		40		2			1		1	2	American Robin
Sage Thrasher						1					Sage Thrasher
Cedar Waxwing		1									Cedar Waxwing
Northern Shrike		2		3		2		1			Northern Shrike
European Starling	50	1800	400	30	80	10	225	1	2	8	European Starling
Yellow-rumped Warbler					2	1				2	Yellow-rumped Warbler
"Myrtle" race			1								"Myrtle" race
Rufous-sided Towhee						1					Rufous-sided Towhee
American Tree Sparrow		15		5		85		32	15		American Tree Sparrow
Chipping Sparrow	4										Chipping Sparrow
Song Sparrow	4	20	1	4	7	9	5	30	4	2	Song Sparrow
Lincoln's Sparrow								1			Lincoln's Sparrow
White-throated Sparrow		1a									White-throated Sparrow
White-crowned Sparrow	24		10	21		10	4		8	1	White-crowned Sparrow
"Gambel's" race		100									"Gambel's" race
Harris' Sparrow		1i		1		2				1	Harris' Sparrow
Dark-eyed Junco	18				9	20			27		Dark-eyed Junco
"Slate-colored" race		2				2				5	"Slate-colored" race
"Oregon" race		50		5		10	16	2			"Oregon" race
"Pink-sided" race				30		20				6	"Pink-sided" race
"Gray-headed" race				1							"Gray-headed" race
Red-winged Blackbird	300	2500	1	150	2		25	3	3	5	Red-winged Blackbird
Western Meadowlark	1H	15		1		9	60	1			Western Meadowlark
Rusty Blackbird								1			Rusty Blackbird
Brewer's Blackbird		50									Brewer's Blackbird
House Finch		35	15	125	16	20	35		33	6	House Finch
Pine Siskin		5				40					Pine Siskin
American Goldfinch	6	2	2	15	8	1			4	3	American Goldfinch
House Sparrow	12	230	6	15	20		10				House Sparrow
TOTAL SPECIES	46	64	36	43	39	55	39	31	36	40	TOTAL SPECIES
TOTAL INDIVIDUALS	4159	21721	4907	1796	668	1597	3142	1500	318	1364	TOTAL INDIVIDUALS

Abbreviations used in Table 1: H = Heard only, P = Plains, a = adult, f = female, i = immature, m = male

ADDITIONAL NOVEMBER 1992 REPORTS

Instructions for submitting "Additional Reports"

1. Individual "Additional Reports" of interesting sightings made during the month are welcomed. However, the Editor reserves the right to publish only those reports that are deemed as unusual/rare or as augmenting the reports submitted by leaders of scheduled DFO field trips. For a guide as to the species that are of most interest see pages 81-84 of the *Lark Bunting*, Volume 27, Number 8 (May 1992).
2. The reports should be submitted in Sixth A.O.U. Check-List (1983, 1985, 1987, 1989, & 1991) order and include the date(s) of observation, number of birds seen, sex and plumage if possible, and specific location (please do not fail to include the county of occurrence). Refer to the *Lark Bunting*, Volume 27, Number 10 (July 1992), for a guide to preparing written documentation to support observations of extremely rare or accidental species as well as for those species that pose difficult field identification problems.
3. Deadline for receipt of all additional reports is the fifth of the following month. They should be sent to the Editor.

Red-throated Loon 11/17 (1) Cherry Creek Reservoir SP, Arapahoe Co. (KS,AH,PH)N
Yellow-billed Loon 11/26-29 (1i) Pueblo Reservoir, Pueblo Co. (MJ)F(BP)S
Tundra Swan 11/27 (9) Jackson Reservoir, Morgan Co. (NE,BR,RS); 11/29 (1) Hidden Lake, Adams Co. (KP)
Greater White-fronted Goose 11/15 (7) Valco Ponds, Cañon City, Fremont Co. (BP,VT)
Ross' Goose 11/5 (1a) Barr Lake SP, Adams Co. (JR); 11/15 (1a) Hidden Lake (JR)
White-winged Scoter 11/16 (2) Hamilton Reservoir, Larimer Co. (JR)
Red-shouldered Hawk(?) 11/28&30 (1i) Mt. Olivet Cemetery, Jefferson Co. (NE)N(JR)P
Merlin 11/16 (1m "Richardson's" race) Pawnee National Grassland, Weld Co. (JR)
Greater Prairie-Chicken 11/26 (30) Northeast corner of Yuma Co. (DB)
Sharp-tailed Grouse 11/28 (2) Crow Valley Campground, Weld Co. (DB)
Dunlin 11/17 (2) Cherry Creek Reservoir SP (PH,AH,KS)
Short-billed Dowitcher 11/5 (1) Chatfield SP, Douglas Co. (KS)S
Thayer's Gull 11/30 (1 1st w) Jumbo Reservoir, Sedgwick Co. (JR,JH)
Lesser Black-backed Gull 11/11 (1wa) Cherry Creek Reservoir SP (JBH)F
Inca Dove 11/4-23 (1a) 1220 Apollo Dr., Lafayette, Boulder Co. (DM)(BP)F(mo) First State Record; 11/15-24 (1a1i) Vineland, Pueblo Co. (JW)(MY)F(BP)S
Greater Roadrunner 11/18 (1) Intersection of US-287 & CO-116, Baca Co. (DB)
Eastern Screech-Owl 11/26 (1) Foster Grove Campground, Bonny SP, Yuma Co. (DB)
Western Screech-Owl 11/27 (1) Fountain Creek Regional Park, El Paso Co. (BP,TB)
Snowy Owl 11/30 (1i) Jumbo Reservoir, Logan Co. (JR,JH)
Northern Saw-whet Owl 11/14 (1H) Between Beulah and San Isabel, Pueblo Co. (BP,VT)
Ladder-backed Woodpecker 11/21 (1m) Vineland (BP,VT)
Northern Mockingbird 11/22 (1) 4400 BowMar Dr., BowMar, Arapahoe Co. (TJ)
Curve-billed Thrasher 11/16 (1) Bonny SP (KS)
Cedar Waxwing 11/11 (9) 4400 BowMar Dr., BowMar (TJ)
Ovenbird 11/22-30 (1) 2695 Newland St., Denver, Denver Co. (PE)
Black-headed Grosbeak 11/28-30 (1f) 1240 Meadowsweet Rd., Golden, Jefferson Co. (BB)
Swamp Sparrow 11/4 (1) Wheat Ridge Greenbelt, Jefferson Co. (PE)
White-throated Sparrow 11/26 (1) 14155 W. 54th Ave., Arvada, Jefferson Co. (DiM)
Harris' Sparrow 11/6-7 (1) Cherry Creek Reservoir SP (DP)
Lapland Longspur 11/26 (1) 835 Harmony Dr., Pueblo West, Pueblo Co. (BP)
Snow Bunting 11/27 (1f) Pueblo Reservoir (MJ)
Lesser Goldfinch 11/4-5 (1) 14155 W. 54th Ave., Arvada (DiM)

ABBREVIATIONS used above: F = rare-bird Form submitted, H = Heard only, N = No details, P = Photographed, S = Some details given, a = adult, f = female, i = immature, m = male, w = winter plumage

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ANNOUNCEMENTS

Class on Declining Bird Populations

Biologist Tina Jones will give a course titled *Public Awareness of North American Migrant and Resident Bird Decline and What You Can Do*. Classes will be at the Denver Museum of Natural History on Saturdays January 23 & 30 from 0900 to 1130. A fee required to register (call museum at 370-6303). The first session will include a slide show prepared by Partners in Flight.

China Birdwatch Fantasia

The Western Region of the US China Friendship Association is sponsoring a birding tour of China to take place from February 14 to March 6, 1993 at a cost of \$2,749 including round-trip air fare from San Francisco. The trip will include stays at Poyang and Dongting Lakes. Travel will be by bus train, and plane. Anyone interested can call George Tung (355-2523) or write him at 1945 Hudson St., Denver, CO 80220.

Planned Trip to Find Smith's Longspurs

DFO President Norm Erthal plans to lead a trip to Kansas or Oklahoma January 16-18 to find Smith's Longspurs. The trip will be limited to eight people. Call Norm at 424-6747 for more information and to sign up.

New Lark Bunting Editor to Start in February

Kurt Hebner will assume the editorship of the *Lark Bunting* beginning with the February issue. Field trip reports and additional sightings for December should be addressed to the old editor (Phil Hayes) whereas those for January and other announcements intended for publication in the February *Lark Bunting* should be addressed to Kurt Hebner, 359 S. Taft Ct., Louisville, CO 80027.

Another Christmas Bird Count

A Colorado CBC not reported in last month's *Lark Bunting* is tentatively scheduled for December 26 at the Great Sand Dunes. Call Stuart Schneider at 719-378-2670 for info.

We are saddened to learn of the death of longtime DFO member Thompson Marsh who died in his sleep early on November 5 after five months of illness following an auto accident. Thompson, a former law professor at Denver University, was one of Colorado's best known birders who had an impressive 762 species on his ABA Area life list. Within the the past month he was driven by friends to Lafayette to view Colorado's first Inca Dove which was Thompson's 428th state species. We extend our sympathies to his widow Susan.



JANUARY DFO FIELD TRIPS

Call the Colorado Bird Report at 279-3076 before going on a field trip to determine if there have been any cancellations or changes in schedules.

TIPS FOR HELPING FIELD TRIP LEADERS

Stay reasonably close to the group whether in cars or on foot.

Do not leave the group without notifying the leader.

TRANSPORTATION COSTS ON FIELD TRIPS

Everyone is expected to share in the mileage expenses on scheduled DFO field trips. The suggested share is 10 cents per mile divided by the number of people in the car including the driver.

Jan 1, Friday. DENVER URBAN CHRISTMAS COUNT. For information call Denver Audubon Society at 696-0877.

Jan 2, Saturday. URBAN SOUTH PLATTE RIVER. Leader: Phil Hayes (425-5448). Meet at 0800 on west side of King Soopers at northeast corner of S. Federal & Bellevue. ½-day trip. £

Jan 3, Sunday. No trip scheduled.

Jan 9, Saturday. BARR LAKE STATE PARK*. Leader: Diana Mullineaux (278-7245). Carpool at 0800 at east end of north parking lot of Museum of Natural History in City Park. Meet leader at 0900 at Nature Center in the park. ö

Jan 10, Sunday. CHATFIELD STATE PARK*. Leader: Patty Echelmeyer (233-4947). Meet at 0900 at west gate of the park. ö

Jan 16, Saturday. ADAMS COUNTY RAMBLINGS. Leader: Jackie King (287-1644). Meet at 0800 at east end of north parking lot of Museum of Natural History in City Park. £

Jan 17, Sunday. EVERGREEN AREA. Leader: Bill Brockner (674-4851). Meet at 0800 at Bergen Park. £

Jan 23, Saturday. BOULDER AREA. Leaders: Myron & Suzi Plooster (494-6708). Wild Turkeys and winter mountain birds plus a look at open water on plains. Carpool at 0800 south of W. 38th Ave. on Vance St. (1 block east of Wadsworth). Park on street east of church parking lot. Meet leaders at 0845 in north parking lot of U.S. Dept. of Commerce Boulder Laboratories (from US-36 take Baseline exit and turn left; left again at next light; cross street at next light onto lab grounds). Chill and hot drinks at leaders' house for lunch. Call if going.

Jan 24, Sunday. CHERRY CREEK RESERVOIR STATE PARK*. Leader: Randy Lentz (777-7101). Meet at 0800 at west gate of the park east of Cherry Creek H.S. (East on Union from S. Yosemite; south and east to gate). ö

Jan 30, Saturday. ROCKY MOUNTAIN ARSENAL. Leader: Ed Holub (979-2194). Meet at west gate of arsenal on Quebec St. at 72nd Ave. Space limited. Must register in advance with leader. £

Jan 31, Sunday. WHEAT RIDGE GREENBELT. Leader: Ruth Breckon (455-0970). Meet at 0800 at Prospect Park Lake south of W. 44th Ave. near Robb St. ö

£ Bring lunch

ö Half-day trip (Lunch optional)

* Park pass required for vehicles

Submitted by:

Ruth Breckon (455-0970)
Mort Staatz (279-6169)

Upper Texas Coast Trip

Bob Righter will lead his 6th DFO trip to the Upper Texas Coast on April 16-23. There are few places in North America where one can experience the pulse of spring migration as acutely as on the Upper Texas Coast. About 26 to 30 warbler species and 36 shorebird species can be expected with a total species count of 200 to 220. A southern piney woods specialty to be expected is Bachman's Sparrow. All costs will be shared and should be about \$400 per person while in Texas. The trip will be limited to eight birders. Contact Bob at 2258 S. Fillmore St., Denver, CO 80210 (303-692-8529).

DENVER FIELD ORNITHOLOGISTS - Membership Information

WELCOME TO THE D.F.O.

PURPOSE: The prime objective of the club is to promote interest in the study and preservation of birds and their habitats. Members are encouraged to learn about birds in the field noting species and numbers and at the same time learning their songs and calls as well as habits and habitats.

REGULAR MEETINGS: The general meetings are held each month (except June, July, August and December) at 7:30 PM at the Denver Museum of Natural History. Dates and subjects of the meetings are reported on the Colorado Bird Report (279-3076) and in the club bulletin. The meetings are open to the public without charge.

FIELD TRIPS: These are scheduled for almost every Saturday and Sunday throughout the year to a variety of habitats near Denver. Occasionally special trips are arranged to good birding areas in other parts of Colorado. Usually it is necessary to bring a lunch and to wear sturdy hiking shoes or boots. Carpooling is encouraged to get the most from bird watching as well as to save time and energy. Carpooling cost is 10 cents per mile divided by the number of passengers including the driver.

BULLETIN: A monthly bulletin, *The Lark Bunting*, is issued listing field trips scheduled. A complete list of birds seen on the previous month's trips is given in checklist order as are interesting sightings reported by members.

D.F.O. COLORADO BIRD REPORT (303-279-3076)

MEMBERSHIP APPLICATION

_____ Regular Family Membership - \$10 (valid for next year if paid after Oct.1)

_____ Senior Citizen Membership (Age 65 or older) - \$8

_____ Student Membership (Age 18 or younger) - \$5

_____ Contribution to the Colorado Bird Report

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